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FOR A Wonderful WEDDING

Fundraising duo aiming to conquer Kilimanjaro

TWO local men are undertaking an African adventure in a bid to raise almost £6,000 which will be split among three great causes – Help for Heroes, Tenovus and Dementia UK.

by TIM CHAPMAN
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Richard Brewer (41) from Barry and Scott Barry (50) from Whitchurch, who both work at south Wales company K S Barry (Plumbing & Heating) Ltd, have set their sights on climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in October.

At 5,895 metres, it is the world's highest free-standing mountain, with a famous snowy peak, and is located in northern Tanzania.

Richard explained: "Approximately 25,000 people attempt to climb it each year, but only two thirds are usually successful. This is mostly due to altitude-related problems, forcing some climbers to turn back.

"We have already funded our adventure and will split donations received equally among our three chosen charities."

Richard and Scott have set themselves a fund-raising target of £5,895 – that would net their charity fund £1 for every metre climbed.

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'TRUST' ON THE CURRICULUM AT ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pupils celebrating 'trust day' at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Barry.

A SPECIAL day to celebrate the value of trust was held recently at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School in Barry.

Mums, dads, grandmothers and grandfathers were invited to the school to join pupils and staff in a day of activities.

Clare Lewis, headteacher, said: "School family members joined children in completing activities, which demonstrated our trust of each other and how we can improve our relationships with trust.

"We also undertook discussions about how we can gain or lose the trust of friends and family through our behaviour. Pupils and parents were also led through some through some challenging activities on the field.

"It was a wonderful day and a real privilege to see families working together to inspire our pupils. At All Saints Primary School, we understand the importance of family taking an active role in our pupils lifelong learning," added Mrs Lewis.

NRW wants more details from Biomass

NATURAL Resources Wales (NRW) wants further information from Biomass, the company constructing an energy plant at Barry docks.

NRW says it wants answers to a number of specific issues by July 14.

Biomass is seeking an environmental licence to go ahead with the plant and points out that under its terms, it would be subject to strict controls.

Alex Liasatos of the Docks Incinerator Action Group said: "I welcome NRW's action. This is a great day for the people of Barry.

"Instead of granting Biomass UK a draft licence to operate their incinerator, a tough schedule 5 notice has been sent to them by NRW.

"The document points to many serious shortcomings in Biomass's application for a permit to operate. Biomass must comply with the schedule 5 in order that their application can be considered."

For more on this story, turn to page 3.

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Readers' Letters

Rhoose residents' meeting to discuss town council call

THE letter from M Voaden in The GEM recently against the restoration of Rhoose Community Council makes a number of valid points.

Equally, there are points in favour of a council. My understanding is that a public meeting is scheduled to be held on September 6, at which, if enough people attend, a decision will be taken as to whether a poll should be held on whether a council should be established.

It is therefore important, whether they are for or against the idea, that Rhoose residents attend this meeting to express their views.

On a separate issue myself and Coun Lloyd will be holding our first surgery on June 3 at The Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhoose, between 10am and 11am; no appointments are necessary.

Coun Gordon Kemp, Rhoose.

Praise for hospital's park and ride option

I HAVE just used the new Park and Ride to Heath Hospital in Cardiff: well, what a pleasing experience.

I came from Barry, driving past UHW to the exit at Pentwyn where the Park and Ride is located; there was no stress, no hassle.

I would encourage other people to use it.

David Coles,
Barry.

£960 raised at 'Big Breakfast'

THE Cancer Research UK Cowbridge local committee are pleased to announce £960 was recently raised at their 'Big Breakfast' event held at the Penny Farthing Cafe, Cowbridge.

Thanks to our supporters and businesses in the town who helped make the breakfast a great success.

Particular thanks go to the cafe staff for providing excellent food and service.

Thanks also to The GEM for the continued support.

Fran Davies,
on behalf of the CCUK Cowbridge Committee.

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Outgoing mayor opens BARUC art exhibition

Marilyn Morgan (BARUC treasurer), Lin Learner (secretary), Stuart Egan (outgoing Vale of Glamorgan Mayor) and John Thomas (chairman).

THE BARUC Art Group had a celebratory opening on May 18 of its art exhibition, which has Barry as its theme.

The group was delighted that Stuart Egan was able to attend as it was one of his last official duties as the Vale mayor.

The chairman of BARUC, John Thomas, in his opening speech said how glad the group was to support Mind in the Vale's work experience café project.

He also thanked the Vale of Glamorgan Artists for its expertise in hanging the exhibition art, and expressed his pleasure at the incredible quality and diversity of the group's interpretations of Barry.

BARUC Art Group meets Friday morning at All Saints' Church Hall. The exhibition runs until June 30 in the Travellers in Mind Café/Gallery, Platform One, Barry Station. It is open from 7am-12pm.

LIN LEARNER

Falklands War memorial service in Barry

THE Royal British Legion will hold a service to remember the Falklands War, which took place 35 years ago.

The service will be held on Sunday, June 11 at 12 noon at the Barry Cenotaph, preceded by a short parade from the Civic Offices via Dock View Road.

Everyone is welcome, so join us or cheer our veterans and the parade along its route.

There will be a special role for any young people attending. We are looking for 258 young volunteers to place small wooden poppy crosses around the Cenotaph during the service, which will also include a Roll Call of Honour for the 258 British lives lost.

Call Teresa on 07776 111385 or check our Facebook page 'Poppy Appeal Barry' for further details.

Teresa Goodwin, Royal British Legion Barry

PLANT SALE

WENVOE community library will host a plant sale on Saturday, May 27 from 9am to 1pm.

A plethora of plants for sale at excellent prices! Come to the car park at the back of the community centre and you will see our stall. Free parking.

For further information contact Sylvia Harvey on 02920 592261.

Ballet good show from local dancers

Photograph taken by Gemma Griffiths.

TWO pupils from the Moya Vahey School of Russian Classical Ballet, based in BIJOU, Cowbridge, were very successful in the recent Bristol Dance Eisteddfod.

Dylan Griffiths, aged 8, from Colwinston won a silver medal for his ballet solo.

Millie Jenkins, aged14, from Bridgend won a gold medal for her song and dance, and a trophy for the highest marks.

The weekend attracted familiar faces, but also some new to the festival.

Jazz and blues festival goes with a swing!

THE third annual Barry and Vale Jazz and Blues Festival' saw seven musical events staged last weekend in the town – from boogie woogie piano, to jazz standards on vibraphone and a plethora of other instruments in between.

The organiser Gemma Collard told The GEM that despite some unwelcome rain, everything went with a swing: "The highlights included the impressive Jake Leg Jug Band, with the crowd raving long into the weekend about what a fabulous show it was with the feeling of being transported back to 1920s America.

"Sadly, the rain poured down for our 'Jazz in the Park' event, but a devout few made it and the band played on – our biggest thanks to the Soho Sopranos for their beautiful jazz sounds.

"Sunday brought the sun, with Coffee Cove and Wine Bar on the Island the venue for Fraccalvieri/Long Quintet, five of Cardiff's finest musicians, followed by bluesy fun brought by the Plucking Fourstrings, a collective of musicians from Cardiff.

"It was a lovely weekend, full of musical greatness and variety, with the crowd made up of both familiar and new faces. We appreciate the continued support and encouragement."

Barry and Vale Jazz and Blues is sponsored by the Vale Council and Barry Town Council.

Gemma added: "We are now looking to find a commercial sponsor and partner of the festival to work with for the year up to and including the 2018 festival, which is scheduled for May 18, 19 and 20, 2018."

The organisers say that if people would like to provide valuable feedback, a short survey can be sent by link if they email festvale jazz@yahoo.com.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 1)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
25 Thur	06.37	10.1	19.04	10.2
26 Fri	07.27	10.3	19.52	10.4
27 Sat	08.1 7	10.4	20.39	10.5
28 Sun	09.11	10.4	21.27	10.2
29 Mon	09.51	10.0	22.14	9.8
30 Tues	10.42	9.6	23.07	9.5
31 Wed	11.34	9.0	23.54	8.8
01 Thur			12.29	8.5

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Natural Resources Wales puts ball back in Biomass's court

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NATURAL Resources Wales has requested further information from Biomass UK No2 Ltd on the proposed operation of its plant at Barry docks.

The company is in the process of seeking an environmental licence.

The news that NRW is seeking further clarification from the company will be an encouragement to local protesters.

A NRW spokeswoman said: "We have requested further information from the applicant, who is due to respond by July 14, 2017.

"When we receive the new information we will share it publicly and provide further time for consultation.

"We will then consider all responses and representations from consultees before making a draft decision on the application.

"If we are minded to issue a permit, at that point we will carry out a further public consultation on any draft conditions for the permit."

NRW is still allowing submissions on the licence application. People can email: *permittingconsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk*.

NRW is seeking clarification on a number of issues, including noise; the amount of waste being processed; hours in which waste would be delivered; emissions and the fire plan.

Barry Town Council has published NRW's full response to Biomass on its website, and it can be read in full at: *www.barrytowncouncil.gov.uk/Documents/Uploaded/105-News-NRW-notice.pdf*.

The primary aim of the project at Woodham Road is not to dispose of waste, but to generate electricity by gasification of waste wood.

Biomass says it would be subject to stringent controls; that the energy plant would produce a negligible impact on air quality; and that it would also operate to strict emission limits which would be monitored and enforced by Natural Resources Wales through the permit.

Soroptimists' 50th challenge!

TO coincide with the 50th anniversary of Barry and District Soroptimists, president Jackie at the recent AGM, issued a special challenge to club members.

Groups and individuals were challenged to undertake an act of service which incorporates the number 50.

The first group, led by Kay Thomas, to respond to this challenge did so by collecting 50-plus cards in the month of May, for patients on the Sam Davies Ward in Barry Hospital.

The idea was to enable those on the ward to stay connected with relatives and friends while in hospital.

In June, the Group aim to collect 50 sanitary items for Atal Y Fro, the Women's Refuge.

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Wednesday 31st May	**Thursday 1st June**
Thursday 1st June	**Friday 2nd June**
Friday 2nd June	**Saturday 3rd June**

The Waste and Recycling online calendars on the Council website have been amended to reflect these new collection dates.
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The community centre WILL BE UNABLE TO OPERATE UNLESS A NEW COMMITTEE is established and so it is essential that new members are found.

Anyone with an interest is asked to attend a public meeting being held at the centre at

6.30pm on THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2017

or contact Kevin Parsons on 01446 704813

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FILCO HELPS VALEPLUS

Pictured with Ian Hunt and ValePlus director Steve Thomas are ValePlus members Chris Power, Jolyon Weare, Rebecca Netherway and Matthew Prewett.

MEMBERS of ValePlus in Barry were pleased to welcome Ian Hunt of Filco Supermarkets to their centre in Barry recently.

Mr Hunt donated a cheque for £250 to go towards the work the charity does with people with a learning disability.

ValePlus is based in High Street, Barry and The Guide Hall, Llantwit Major, and provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities.

Steve Thomas of ValePlus accepted the cheque and thanked Mr Hunt for his support.

He said that the donation would be used to improve the service given to its members.

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'Good start' to Soroptimists' latest fundraising project

Lynda Lott-Miller, president Jackie Memory, nursing sisters Linda Edwards and Jill Adams, and Tracey Graham.

SOROPTIMIST International Barry & District celebrated membership month by having a display of their activities in the reception area of Barry Hospital, May 9–11.

Members also used the occasion to launch the new president's charitable focus, which is the Sam Davies Ward.

The display was met with a very positive response from the public who not only expressed interest in the club's various projects, but also were very supportive of the Sam Davies Ward, donating £104 and items such as toiletries, nightwear and audio books.

Nursing sisters Jill Adams and Linda Edwards from the ward visited the display and expressed their appreciation for the support of the Soroptimists.

To find out more about the club visit www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district. Members also give talks on the aims and objectives of Soroptimism to local groups. If you are interested pleased contact us via our website.

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Guided summer walks through Dinas Powys

THE Dinas Powys summer evening walks will begin this year on Wednesday, May 31.

The weekly walks will then be held every Wednesday throughout June. Walkers should meet at 7pm at the junction of Mill Road and Millbrook Road in Dinas Powys.

All walkers are welcome and walks normally last around one hour and 45 minutes.

Walk leader Geraint Thomas said: "The Dinas Powys Community Council have been organising these brilliant walks for over 40 years and I do love it when I take someone to visit a beautiful piece of countryside that they have never been to before. So do come along to explore the woods, fields and countryside around Dinas Powys.

"Good, stout, waterproof footwear is important as footpaths can be muddy and slippery in places, and some walkers may find a walking stick comes in handy. Walkers should be aware that fields may contain livestock and that all walkers participate entirely at their own risk. Take a look at the Dinas Powys Walks Facebook page to see photos of last year's walks."

DINAS POWYS WI TRIP

A FEW seats are available for Dinas Powys WI's coach trip to Tiverton on Wednesday, May 31.

Leaving Dinas Powys at 9am, there will be time to explore Tiverton and enjoy lunch before boarding a horse-drawn canal barge for a leisurely trip along the Tiverton canal.

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'NEW FUND COULD END BARRY'S RAW DEAL ON REGENERATION' claims councillor

A BARRY councillor claims that a new 'UK Shared Prosperity Fund' could be an opportunity to restore the town's regeneration status.

The Conservatives' general election manifesto says it will introduce the new fund, replacing 'structural funds' with a scheme that would be "cheap to administer, low in bureaucracy and targeted where it is needed most."

Coun Vincent Bailey, who represents Dyfan Ward, said: "Because of the way the EU maps were drawn, Barry has received a raw deal where it comes to structural funds and money for regeneration projects.

"We now have an opportunity to craft regeneration schemes that work for the whole of Wales, not just areas that have been favoured in the past.

"Barry, for example, has never received its fair share of EU money, yet Brexit means that we might now have an opportunity to compete for regeneration money which could be transformational for the town."

Is housing development about to be curbed?

by GEM REPORTER

THE Vale's Local Development Plan (LDP) could face major revision because the incoming Conservative administration says the current projected housing figures are 'flawed' and the group is against "unnecessary and inappropriate development".

The possibility came to light after Vale Conservatives responded to Plaid Cymru's Coun Ian Johnson, who demanded clarity on the LDP.

Coun Johnson called on the Conservatives to reject what he described as a "flawed LDP that argues for 10,400 new houses in the Vale by 2026".

Coun Johnson, Plaid's candidate in next month's general election, said that Welsh Government figures released in March suggested that only 4,000 houses are needed.

Coun Johnson said the Conservatives had campaigned against the LDP in the past and were now in a position to make changes or to scrap it.

He said an announcement was needed before the general election so Vale residents could make an informed decision.

He told The GEM: "Plaid Cymru has long argued that the housing targets of more than 10,000 new houses in the Vale Council's LDP are a fantasy and not evidence based around household projections.

"This has been confirmed by new Welsh Government housing projections, published a few weeks ago.

"We know that there were around 53,600 households in the Vale in 2011, the LDP's supposed start date, and that the latest principal projections are for around 57,650 by 2026 – an increase of just over 4,000."

Coun Johnson said that the previous council had pushed through large schemes that were well above the required housebuilding rate, and that the Conservatives had agreed the housing figures were not credible.

He said: "Will the Tories now reject the scheme or will they u-turn now that they are back in power?

"We need to know this before the general election – not wait and see until afterwards. Voters need to be able to make an informed choice.

"Let's not forget that it was the Tories who included 700 houses at Weycock Cross in the original LDP, before their MP cynically campaig-ned against them."

A spokesman for the Vale Conservative group said: "Welsh Labour's housing targets were deeply flawed and we have long called for them to be reviewed, so as to protect the Vale from unnecessary and inappropriate development."

Police appeal after petrol theft in Penarth

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for information regarding a theft from the Tesco petrol station on Terra Nova Way, Penarth, which on April 18 (Easter Tuesday) at approximately midday.

A black car entered the petrol station forecourt, the driver got out and filled the car with petrol before opening the boot and appearing to also fill a canister with petrol. The driver was looking around and hiding his face before returning to the vehicle and driving off.

Officers believe the vehicle is a large black Lexus saloon. The driver is described as being white, male, 25-30 years old, 5ft 10 in height, wearing a beige baseball cap, a light jumper and a brown body warmer.

Officers have released two CCTV stills of the suspect and the vehicle. If anyone has any information about this crime, they should contact officers on 101 quoting ref: 1700146354 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Kilimanjaro test for duo

Scott Barry (left) and Richard Brewer are already in training for their African fundraising trip in October.

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They realise that being in peak physical fitness will boost their chances of reaching the summit.

Richard said: "Training to climb Kilimanjaro is as much about your physical endurance as it is about your mental stamina.

"The types of exercise we will be carrying out are generally light-to-moderate intensity activities like jogging, swimming, cycling and long-distance hiking."

The two men have included a 24-hour 60-mile trek of the Ceredigion coast in their training schedule.

The ascent of Kilimanjaro should take five days, coming down should take two.

Richard said they had little trouble selecting the three charities to support.

As a former soldier who took part in tours of Northern Ireland and Bosnia, he was keen to do something for the Forces' charity Help for Heroes.

"Being an ex-Welsh Guardsman, this charity is very close to us, and what they provide is outstanding."

He said he also admired the fact that Tenovus was at the heart of communities.

"Their mobile support units have been bringing cancer treatment and support close to home since 2009. Since then, they have treated more than 5,000 patients and delivered nearly 25,000 treatments.

"They have saved patients hundreds of thousands of miles in journeys to hospital."

Richard added that Dementia UK had a positive philosophy that they wanted to endorse.

"Dementia UK believes that high quality, person-centred care can mean that someone with dementia can continue to live an independent and active life."

To make a donation to Richard and Scott's fundraising, you can go to: uk.virginmoney giving.com/team/peakno evil.

All ears at All Saints!

A PACKED house at All Saints' Church on May 13 was treated to an evening of music provided by the joint choirs of Porthcawl Male and Whitland Male Choir, wonderfully supported by guest artists Rhian Thomas and Kath Lewis.

Whitland started proceedings with a rendition of 'Anthem' from *Chess*. This was followed by a number of Welsh numbers and culminated in a rousing edition of "Men of Harlech".

Porthcawl Choir began with "You Make Me Feel So Young" and followed with songs from *Les Miserables* "Bring Him Home" and "Dream a Dream".

Between the performances of the two choirs, the audience listened to Rhian Thomas accompanied on the harp by Kath Lewis. They played songs from the musicals, including a medley of Gershwin songs and a number from a new musical *Ghost*.

After the interval, both choirs performed again, with Whitland singing "World in Union" and Porthcawl performing "O Gymru", and a German drinking song entitled "*Aus die Traube in die Tonne*".

The evening's entertainment culminated with both choirs coming together to raise the roof with "Gwahoddiad".

Porthcawl Male Choir is looking forward to a very busy period with their tour to Torquay and another joint concert with Tamar Valley Male Choir.

This will be followed by a concert in Lydbrook in the Forest of Dean.

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'SAFETY AWARENESS FAMILY FUN EVENT'

BOXING champion Lee Selby is supporting a 'Safety Awareness Family Fun Event' taking place in Barry later this month.

The event runs from 10am to 2pm on Tuesday, May 30 at King's Square and IBF featherweight belt holder Selby will be there from around noon when a host of organisations, including South Wales Fire Service, Wales Air Ambulance and the Coastguard will promote safety messages, presented in a fun, imaginative and engaging way.

"I'm really looking forward to attending this event," said Mr Selby. "Improving safety in our everyday lives is something we can all benefit from and teaching children about safety is a really important lesson. Hopefully I can pick up a few tips!"

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ACTION GROUP'S LITTER PICK CLEANS UP NEAR HOSPITAL

The Docks Incinerator Action Group team.

ON Saturday, May 13, the Docks Incinerator Action Group 'environmental team', which recently helped to clean the river in Porthkerry Park, undertook a litter pick and general tidy up in the area around Barry Hospital.

A spokesman claimed that the group was "denied access to the hospital grounds", adding that 16 bags of litter and five green bags were collected in the nearby area.

"We hope to be out and about soon on another environmental task, and the next event was a fundraising quiz upstairs at the Cherry Orchard restaurant in Barry May 23.

The spokesperson added: "There were prizes."

A special season for Rhondda Lifeguard Club

THE 2017 summer season will be a special time for the Rhondda Lifeguard Club, because it will mark 50 golden years since the club started their voluntary lifeguard patrols at Cold Knap, Barry.

Following a meeting with Barry Town Council in 1966, the club were offered the use of a metal hut on top of the public toilet block at the end of the promenade for their headquarters. The metal hut has long gone, but the Vale Council renovated the toilet block in the 1980s to create a lifeguard station and the volunteers are still based there today.

June 17 will be the golden anniversary of the club and a double celebration will take place with the official launch of the club's new inshore rescue boat, which was bought with a maritime grant from the Department of Transport.

The launch will take place at 12.45pm and the volunteers will be performing demonstration rescues throughout the day.

Summer training has already started at the Knap and the club are always looking to recruit new members for their sessions on Thursday nights (6pm-7.30pm) and Sunday afternoons (12pm-2pm).

For more information, visit the club's website (wwwrhonddalifeguardclub.com) or call the clubhouse on 07974 967976 during training sessions.

Group's meeting

FRIENDS and Neighbours held their May meeting recently at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall, Barry.

A talk was given by Passmores Solicitors of Barry on wills, living wills and power of attorney and both Fran and Sammir answered questions by members.

The members enjoyed the opportunity to use the pop-up library and take books to read at home.

Everyone agreed they had enjoyed the events in April, including the Brecon Canal and *Sister Act* trips.

The group is now looking forward to the trip to Wells and a mystery trip in August.

Invitations were given out for the 10th anniversary party in July.

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Cadoxton WI news

AT the May meeting of Cadoxton WI, the president gave the delegate's report from the recent annual meeting at Port Talbot.

Three members from Cadoxton attended and added to the 456 members present.

As usual, the guest speakers were excellent. The speakers in the morning were Jane Dixon, talking with great enthusiasm about Denman College and Dame Rosemary Butler, who had been Presiding Officer for the Welsh Assembly, campaigning for equality and women's rights.

Helen Sharman was the guest speaker in the afternoon, the first British female to go into space. She recounted her eight days as an astronaut orbiting the world as a crew member on the Mir Space Station.

The annual meeting is an enjoyable day where old and new friends can meet, exchange ideas and compare progress of their WIs.

After the delegate's report it was business as usual, with the minutes from Beryl and the treasurer's report from Avril. The secretary read out forthcoming events from GFWI.

The speaker did not arrive, but members enjoyed the evening with refreshments and the raffle. Raffle prizes were won by Addie Sales and Veronica Lindley.

Meetings are held every third Monday at 7pm at Victoria Park Community Centre. Call 01446 404891 for further information.

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POWER OF THE PRESS!

Armed robber is seen off by shopkeeper who threw newspaper!

SOUTH Wales Police have charged a 15-year-old youth in relation to an attempted armed robbery that occurred at around 9.50am on Monday, May 22 in Barry.

During the attempted robbery at the newsagents on Coldbrook Road West, which is just below Victoria Park, a firearm was pointed at the female shopkeeper, who was standing behind the counter.

Demands for cash were made before the shopkeeper threw a newspaper at him.

This resulted in him running from the scene empty-handed.

A spokeswoman for South Wales Police told The GEM: "A 15-year-old male has been charged with having an imitation firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence (recordable), and charged with attempt robbery.

"He attended court on May 23, 2017. He was released on conditional bail."

He will next appear on June 14 at Cardiff Magistrates' Court.

Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk or call 01446 774484

Pub's donation to Penarth hospice in memory of former regular

A PENARTH pub has donated £1,000 to the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in memory of one of its regulars.

The Albion hosts a quiz each Sunday evening and gave its latest fundraising efforts to the Bridgeman Road hospice, which has gone towards a small body scanner.

The Albion's landlady, Elizabeth Highgate, said £97,0000 has been raised in 29 years for different charities at the quiz, which is run by quizmaster Richard Bond, assisted by Ceri Rees.

She said: "One of our regulars recently passed away at the hospice, and a few years ago we witnessed some fantastic care at the hospice of another former regular at the hospice."

Nerys Thomas, treasurer of the Penarth Fundraising Group for Marie Curie, said: "A big thank you to the team at the Albion for this generous donation to the Cardiff and the Vale Hospice.

"These funds will help Marie Curie Nurses provide care and support to people living with a terminal illness, and their families."

The Albion quiz takes place at 8.45pm every Sunday.

Funds raised at The Albion in Penarth will go towards a scanner for a local hospice.

Barry War Museum

BARRY War Museum will be open this weekend, May 27 from 11am – 3.30pm-ish Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

On Sunday at 2pm they will test the air raid siren once again, at Barry Island Station.

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'Look after your tools,' police warn tradesmen

POLICE in a Barry and the wider Vale area are urging van owners to ensure valuables are removed from vehicles overnight, following a number of thefts and attempted thefts.

The area has seen a spike in auto crime, with four thefts from Transit vans occurring in a 24-hour period.

At approximately 2am on Thursday, May 18, three men were captured on CCTV breaking in to a van at the Celtic International Hotel near Rhoose Airport and removing items.

They attempted to target another before fleeing in a silver Volvo-shaped vehicle when the van's alarm sounded. The car turned left out of the hotel, in the direction of Barry.

The previous night, a similar theft occurred from a vehicle parked on Clifton Street, Barry. In that incident, which happened sometime between 4.15pm on Tuesday, May 16 and 7.45am on Wednesday, May 17, the van was entered – with no obvious damage caused – and a toolbag stolen.

Other vehicles were also targeted on the same night – sometime between 6pm on May 16 and 9am on May 17 at Canon Street, and sometime between 11pm on May 16 and 7.25am on May 17 on Pontypridd Road.

In both instances, thousands of pounds worth of tools were taken.

Sergeant Mark Allen, who is investigating the incidents, urged all vehicle owners and particularly van owners to take extra precautions to protect their belongings.

Sgt Allen said: "In all of these instances, tradesmen have clearly been targeted for their valuable tools.

"Thieves know that there is a market out there for power tools which are worth a lot of money, and they have a complete disregard for the victims who depend on these tools for their livelihoods.

"While people should be able to store their work equipment in their work vehicles, the sad fact is that it is simply not safe to do so.

"I'd urge tradesmen, and indeed all vehicle owners, to ensure they remove all valuables from the vehicles overnight and to ensure vehicles are left secure. Ensuring vehicles have alarms does also act as a deterrent.

"I'd also urge people to be vigilant and to contact us if they are offered for sale equipment they suspect is stolen."

Sgt Allen also appealed for any witnesses or anyone who could help identify those involved, to come forward. Anyone with information should contact 101, quoting reference 1700188696. Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Julie and Rhodri Morgan flank Jane Hutt.

Vale AM's tribute to Rhodri Morgan

Vale AM Jane Hutt has offered a tribute to Rhodri Morgan, after the former First Minister's death at the age of 77.

She said: "Rhodri Morgan was a truly exceptional man who has made an indelible mark on Wales.

"With Julie, in a devoted partnership, both passionate and committed to social justice, he put his beloved family at the forefront of his life but worked tirelessly to change the world.

"He was a uniquely gifted politician with the greatest integrity, able to relate to everyone he met - who saw him and knew him as 'our Rhodri'.

"I have been so fortunate to know and work with him as a truly inspiring leader who defined the meaning and importance of devolution for Wales whilst crafting a distinctive identity for Welsh Labour.

"My love, friendship and memories of Rhodri are now with Julie, Prys and the family as we grieve with them for their great loss of a remarkable man, husband, brother, father and grandfather and a great friend to Wales."

'Volunteers' Week' takes place in June

VOLUNTEERS' Week is a national celebration of volunteers and volunteering which takes place from June 1 to 7 each year.

It plays a part in raising the profile of volunteers, as well as inspiring others to get involved.

Volunteers' Week began in 1984, and sees more organisations getting involved each year. It could be a time to formally recognise and say 'thank you' for the contribution and dedication that volunteers give to their communities.

As pokesperson for Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) said: "Perhaps a tea party, community event, or an award ceremony could be held to recognise the work done by volunteers?

"Certificates are available to give to volunteers recognising their contributions by downloading a Volunteers' Week certificate from the GVS website: www.gvs.wales/news/2017/05/volunteers-week-2017.

To find out more about volunteering or to recruit volunteers, contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services on 01446 741706; email volunteering@gvs.wales or go to www.gvs.wales.

NEWS IN BRIEF - WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

Big Screen Cowbridge

BIG Screen's next film is *Manchester By The Sea* (cert 15) on Thursday, May 25 at 7.30pm in Cowbridge Town Hall.

An uncle (Casey Affleck) is obliged to return home to care for his nephew (Ben O'Brien) after his brother dies. It is a film as much about memories as about the reluctant care of a young boy.

AM's surgery

VALE of Glamorgan AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Saturday, May 27 at Cowbridge Town Hall, High Street (CF62 3FT) from 10am – 11am.

No appointment necessary; for further information contact Eleri Cubbage on 01446 740981 or Eleri.cubbage@assembly.wales.

Barry Mayor's praise for 'phenomenal' Mary Thomas

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Nic Hodges, has described Mary Thomas, winner of the mayor's adult award, as "a phenomenal lady".

Coun Hodges made the award to her at the recent mayor-making ceremony in the town.

She was recognised for her work with Tenovus and Barry Soroptimists.

Coun Hodges said she had made a huge contribution to the community over many years.

"She is a phenomenal lady. I know her as someone involved in St Nicholas Community Hall in my ward.

"She is the sort of person who makes a town special and I was delighted to present her with the award."

The winner of the youth award was Bailey Sloan.

Coun Hodges said it was important that the council recognised the contribution both young people and adults make to society.

Final event and cheque handover for Penarth Mayor

A FINAL event for the Penarth Mayor's charity Tros Gynnal Plant was held last week with help from Gingers, Penarth.

More than 90 guests attended a fashion show and the total raised on the night was £1,159.

A spokesperson said: "It was a great way to end the year of fundraising."

The total amount raised over the year by Tros Gynnal Plant from the wide variety of events held featuring local businesses was £5,244. A presentation was held at the town council offices to mark the end of the partnership.

Karen Jones from Tros Gynnal Plant said: "We are really grateful to Penarth Mayor, Coun Mike Cuddy and his consort Lindsay Cuddy, for choosing us this year and helping us to raise both this wonderful amount of money and our profile in Penarth.

"We would also like to thank the many businesses in Penarth who held events, such as Gingers, A Brush with Beauty, Penarth Soul Club and The Windsor.

Penarth Mayor Mike Cuddy and Karen Jones from Tros Gynnal Plant.

"Also, thanks to the local businesses who donated raffle prizes enabling us to raise even more money at the events.

"Tros Gynnal Plant has been helping some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged Welsh children, young people and their families since 2002 when it was set up.

"Every child in Wales has rights; for most children – the lucky ones – enjoying their rights isn't an issue but for many others this isn't so easy because to problems such as physical or sexual abuse, their care, emotional health, living in Wales as a refugee or asylum seeker, their education, or the law.

"This Welsh charity has its head office in Cardiff and projects running across Wales offering independent and confidential support to children, young people and their families through advocacy, participation, counselling, family group meetings and conflict resolution."

Is he or is he not an independent? Plaid's anger at councillor's arrangement with Conservative group

THE decision of Sully independent councillor Bob Penrose to work with the Tory group on the Vale Council has angered Plaid Cymru members because it gives the Conservatives more power on committees.

Coun Penrose will serve in the Vale cabinet alongside the Conservatives, and his decision means the ruling administration has a majority 24 of the 47 councillors (*see article on page 13*).

On the council website, he is described as 'Independent (Part of the Conservative Group)'.

Early this week, Coun Penrose told The GEM he would remain as an independent councillor. He said he would be making a statement in due course.

Plaid Cymru's Coun Ian Johnson said: "By becoming a member of the Conservative group, despite being elected as an independent, Coun Penrose has given more committee seats and more power to the Tories.

"Through joining the Conservative group, they will be entitled to additional seats on more important council committees than Coun Penrose would have received as an independent, strengthening their hand in crucial committees, such as planning, where they will now have a majority of seats.

"If Coun Penrose is taking up Tory seats on committees and voting with the Tory whip, then most people in Sully and beyond would rightly see him as a member of the Tories."

Coun Johnson added: "The problem with so-called independent councillors is that they are often anything but independent when it comes down to it."

Coun Johnson pointed out that in the previous Labour-Llantwit First coalition, the different groups were treated separately in calculating committee seat allocations.

On this occasion, it appears allocations will be made on the 24-member group, the Conservatives plus Coun Penrose.

Hospital Discharge Scheme

ARE you looking after a loved one or a relative who has recently been discharged from hospital? Are they living in the Vale and over 50? Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Hospital Discharge Scheme provide short term support (6 to 8 weeks) to those who have been discharged in the last 13 weeks, helping them to remain independent in their own homes.

An information session will be held on Tuesday, May 30 (10am to 12 noon) at The Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed; just come along and chat to an adviser from the Hospital Discharge Team. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Nurse goes for the chop before Sri Lanka trek

A HOSPICE nurse, who is part of a team set to take on a trek in Sri Lanka this autumn, will shave her head during a fundraising evening in aid of the charity she works for.

Lauren James, a registered nurse at the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth, is a quarter of the 'Hospice Hikers', a team of four Marie Curie staff who will take on the five-day challenge, walking through jungle, forest trails and ancient cities.

The trek is one of Marie Curie's 'overseas challenges', and will raise funds for the hospice to help provide care and support for people living with a terminal illness, and their families.

The team will be joined by others who have signed up to take on the challenge from November 16 to 25.

To help the team raise the £14,000 minimum funds, Lauren is hosting a cabaret night next month, during which she will also shave off her long red hair.

Cabaret Jaune takes place on June 16 at Gassy Jacks, Cardiff. "We decided as a fundraising team a while back that we would like to do something along these lines, and I ended up being the one to take it on," said Lauren.

"A lot of the girls who have been in contact with me know Lorrainne Castellano, who is one of our day therapy patients, who is part of a burlesque group, so I've had quite a lot of support from them.

"We have all local acts taking part during the evening."

Lauren added that the idea for the head shave was a joke initially, when the team was thinking about fundraising ideas. "Then I thought seriously about it. I know a friend a while back did it for and raised a fair bit of money.

"My hair is quite a considerable bit longer than hers was, so I thought why not do it. It's only hair."

Speaking about her training for the trek, she said: "I train weekly anyway, I usually run about 18 to 20 miles a week, so I haven't done much more than that.

"Sam (Metcalfe, another Hospice Hiker) and I did Invincibl and are doing another one in July.

"It feels like it's come around quite fast since we signed up in April last year."

Tickets for the evening cost between £10 and £12 and are available at www.eventbrite.co.uk – search Hospice Hikers Present. Alternatively, contact Lauren on 07813 552006.

To sponsor Lauren's headshave, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lauren-James14.

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Derek delivers a weather report to residents and guests.

Rebecca John, Janice Evans and Derek Brockway at the opening ceremony.

Rebecca John with some of the residents' portraits

WEATHERMAN Derek Brockway and Welsh TV presenter Rebecca John opened a new luxury care home in Cardiff on Friday, May 12.

BBC meteorologist Derek and Rebecca kicked off the grand opening at Tŷ Llandaff, a new all-inclusive care home in Conway Road, Pontcanna which offers nursing, residential and respite care, by unveiling a plaque.

This was followed by a Champagne reception, a tour of the facilities, a buffet lunch and an afternoon of entertainment.

Guests included the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Coun Monica Walsh, many previous respite residents and friends of Tŷ Llandaff who had travelled from around the UK to make it to the day.

Both Derek and Rebecca chatted with Tŷ Llandaff residents and guests. Derek treated everyone to a tongue-in-cheek weather forecast, while Tŷ Llandaff also displayed professional portraits of residents captured by keen photographer Rebecca.

The TV reporter, who lives in Pontcanna, had previously visited the care home to take photographs of residents who agreed to be involved in her photography project entitled 'New Home'.

Tŷ Llandaff opened before Christmas, and has been built to a high standard and offers exceptional levels of care in an 'all-inclusive' luxury environment. It is built across three floors with 70 luxurious en-suite bedrooms.

The care home offers nursing and residential care from the age of 18. Facilities include a home cinema, piano bar, hair salon, spa and therapy rooms, specialist gym, fine dining and accessible landscaped gardens.

Tŷ Llandaff care home manager Janice Evans said: "We were delighted that Derek and Rebecca could officially open Tŷ Llandaff care home. They are both very popular locally and many of the residents were looking forward to meeting them.

"We had a lot of interest in the event and so pleased that so many of our guests could make it. Everyone was treated to live music, Welsh poetry readings and balloon artistry.

"We are all very proud of the world-class care and facilities we offer at Tŷ Llandaff and we were excited to share that with everyone attending our official open day."

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Dinas Powys volunteer receives an award for his Christian Aid work

Anthony Welchman receives his Diamond Award from Father Andrew James

ANTHONY Welchman from Dinas Powys has been awarded a Diamond Award this week for years of fundraising for international development charity Christian Aid.

As Christian Aid marks 60 years of its annual fundraising drive, Christian Aid Week, the charity is celebrating the dedication of its supporters by awarding Diamond Awards across the UK.

The award was presented to Mr Welchman by Father Andrew James last week in Dinas Powys.

Susan Williams, who nominated Mr Welchman for the award said: "Tony has been involved with Christian Aid since 1984. He still does the house-to-house collecting, and helps out in so many other ways. We couldn't do it without him; he is such a support and encouragement to us all."

This Christian Aid Week, a group of churches in Dinas Powys planned several events and activities towards Christian Aid's work including a 'family fun day'.

The fun day organiser, Susan Williams, said: "We had a great time, fab weather and raised £492 from this one event alone towards this year's appeal."

Christian Aid was born in the aftermath of the Second World War.

Seven Conservatives and an Independent to make up Vale Council

AS The GEM going to press, the new Vale cabinet was due to be unveiled.

There are likely to be seven positions with six taken by Conservatives and one by the Sully independent, Coun Bob Penrose.

The GEM understands that:

The new Leader of the Vale Council will be Coun John Thomas;

Other members of the cabinet will be Hunter Jarvie (deputy leader); Gordon Kemp (social services); Geoffrey Cox (TBA); Andrew Parker (TBA); Jon Bird (regeneration and planning) and independent Bob Penrose, who will be responsible for education.

The ceremonial positions of Vale Mayor and Deputy Vale Mayor will be occupied by Janice Charles and Leighton Rowlands.

The annual meeting of the council was due to take place last night, Wednesday, May 24.

Coastguard responds to yacht in distress in Channel

ON Saturday afternoon, May 20, Penarth Coastguard responded to a yacht that had a problem with her engine.

A coastguard spokesman explained: "We were paged at 3.25pm to prepare to launch to a yacht in difficulty.

"The yacht, suffering engine problems, was able to continue sailing in the direction of Penarth from Barry.

"An RNLI lifeboat was launched and, once around Lavernock Point, the vessel, which had three people on board, was escorted by the Atlantic-class lifeboat through to Cardiff Bay barrage where it was met by HM Coastguard officers from Penarth."

The spokesman praised the people on board the yacht for getting in touch promptly.

"The yacht skipper did exactly the right thing by calling the coastguard early, unsure if his vessel would be able to continue sailing against the tide, and we were more than happy to ensure a continued safe passage to Cardiff Bay."

Park poorly and it could end up on social media!

IF people park poorly in the Vale, they could end up getting highlighted on Facebook or Twitter.

The 'Park Tidy Campaign' is aimed at making the Vale a safe place to walk, drive and cycle, and its hashtags are #ParkTidy and #ParcioTwt.

Among the instances highlighted so far have been a van parking in a disabled spot in Cowbridge; praise for Vale enforcement officials for checking on parking outside Romilly Primary School; and a large vehicle straddling two parking spaces in Tesco at Stirling Road, Barry.

The responses on social media give council officials information on parking blackspots.

The Vale Council is keen to make sure that people don't park their cars on busy corners; on pavements; or on dropped kerbs which could be used by people with wheelchairs or disability scooters.

Other examples of poor parking that the council wants to deter are parking on zig-zag lines outside schools, on double yellow lines, or in disabled bays (unless a driver has a blue badge).

GEM readers might like to know that a number other Twitter accounts on the same subject exist, albeit with less family-friendly names.

Bingo at Rhoose

THE management committee of Rhoose Community Hall are holding their next monthly Bingo afternoon this Saturday, May 27.

Doors open at 1.45pm at the hall in Stewart Road. At the half-time break light refreshments will be provided, with the usual raffle. All proceeds go towards the running of the hall.

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Barry Island's Rainbow Run helps out Ty Hafan

NEARLY 1,200 runners turned Barry Island into a riot of colour on Saturday (May 13) with the return of Tŷ Hafan's Rainbow Run.

A Ty Hafan spokesperson said: "After last year's fantastic first-ever visit to the beach, organisers were keen to make the event even bigger and better, raising thousands of pounds to help life-limited children, young people and their families across Wales.

"With funds already rolling in from the children's hospice charity's army of paint-splattered fundraisers, the event is looking likely to smash its £60,000 target.

"Nation Radio broadcast live from the beach, with performances from groups Brawd and Misfit to motivate the runners and entertain the crowds."

The seven paint stations, three of which were sponsored by One Stop, Convey Law and GM Financial, ensured runners were coated with a rainbow of bright paint as they crossed the finish line.

Tŷ Hafan mum Micaela Wilson, whose seven-year-old son Cai is supported by the charity, was one of this year's runners.

She said: "Tŷ Hafan has been a lifeline for us and we feel extremely privileged to have such a special place on our doorstep. Never did I imagine I'd use this magical place, but I am glad I have come across it in my journey in life.

"I have made lots of friends going there and met many special, inspirational people.

"It has taught me a lot and never to take life for granted. Everyone makes us feel welcome and nothing is ever too much for anyone."

Thanking all those who took part in the event, she added: "Without people fundraising, Tŷ Hafan wouldn't be able to run and we wouldn't have this fantastic facility. For parents of children like mine, life would be more difficult than it already is."

Lauren Sadler of Tŷ Hafan, said: "Thank you to all those who supported this year's Barry Rainbow Run."

Tŷ Hafan's next Rainbow Run will take place in Parc Bryn Bach, Tredegar on Saturday, July 8 and you can register at www.rainbowrunwales.co.uk.

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Out & About with The GEM

Guy Ritchie's King Arthur is royally underwhelming!

GUY Ritchie seemed to have blotted his copybook after he followed up the one-two punch of *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* and *Snatch* with the atrocious *Swept Away* and the well-intentioned-but-ultimately-perplexing *Revolver*.

Solace came from a revisit to his British gangster roots in *Rock 'N' Rolla*, before Ritchie took on the reins of Hollywood's big-budget blockbusters with two *Sherlock Holmes* films and *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*

With a live-action version of Aladdin next on his slate, Ritchie's latest film is his take on Arthurian legend with *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword*.

It stars Charlie Hunnam as Arthur, a peasant boy from the streets who sees the kingdom ruled by the Machiavellian Vortigern (Jude Law).

But when Arthur pulls the sword from the stone, he realises he is the son of the former king, Uther (Eric Bana) and, whether he likes it or not, must rise up against the tyrannical Vortigern...

It's fair to say that Guy Ritchie's success with the *Sherlock Holmes* franchise proved he was more than adept at crafting big-budget blockbusters that had a keen visual sense.

With King Arthur, Ritchie takes on another iconic character that has been visited several times before. However, here the results are far more mixed.

Ritchie was keen to take away the solemnity of the Arthurian legend and invest it with some spark and energy, and he certainly does that. What doesn't work however is how the film flip-flops from *Lock, Stock...*-esque fast-paced dialogue and smarts to more fantastical elements, the film jarring at points.

There are plenty of things to admire – an early scene where Arthur has to recount his whereabouts to one of the king's henchmen plays out like Ritchie's early work, all witty dialogue and fast cuts, while an aborted assassination attempts becomes a foot chase around Londinium before settling on a gigantic fight sequence – but tricker to love.

It doesn't help that Ritchie never quite nails the tone, and the characters are sketched with very little excitement.

Charlie Hunnam's second crack at leading a blockbuster film (after 2013's *Pacific Rim*) doesn't quite work out.

His performance lacks charisma and feels wooden, but also Hunnam doesn't manage to get you on his side – there are surly heroes who you root for because of something in the actors performance that captures you, yet Hunnam lacks that ability so while on the page Arthur may have seemed like the reluctant hero, on screen he is smug and not hugely likeable

by GARETH JAMIESON
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The performances around him (Djimon Hounsou, Aidan Gillen) are fine but lack any great depth, and Jude Law's villainous Vortigern doesn't land either, his snivelling and simpering making him a less-than-worth adversary for Arthur and the actor struggles to really connect with the material, lacking the 'boo-hiss' qualities you would expect.

There is a sense of the film holding back certain elements in the hope of creating a King Arthur universe (or Arthur-verse if you will) – allusions are made to other characters within the larger story, no doubt who would come into play down the road, but the attempt at running before walking backfires, the central story not engaging.

It's a shame, as Ritchie shows a sure hand at the helm, the film visually interesting with some lovely set-pieces, but there's too much bombast and not enough ballast, and his inability to stick to a tone (either fully embrace the world of Camelot or fully undercut it) means that *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword* is anything but legendary.

VERDICT – Not a car-crash of a film, but neither a royal success, *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword* is at best a passable slice of Arthurian legend, but doesn't truly convince. Guy Ritchie makes a good-looking film, but it's tonally uneven and with a lead performance from Charlie Hunnam that lacks charm, ultimately this Arthur doesn't deserve to be King. Poor.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* (1991), *Excalibur* (1981)

LITERATURE FESTIVAL IS MOVING TO JULY

ORGANISERS of the annual Penarth Literature Festival, now in its sixth year, have announced that this year's festival is to be held over a long weekend in July rather than the traditional week in October.

"Now that we are holding high profile author events throughout the year, we wanted to give this year's LitFest more of a local focus, and to tie in with the council's summer events programme," said Mel Griffin from Griffin Books in Penarth, which is sponsoring the weekend's activities.

The Literature Festival will take place from Friday to Monday, July 7 – 10 inclusive, in venues throughout the town, and a variety of events is planned to suit all ages and interests.

On the Friday, local schools will be bringing classes to the Paget Rooms for an event featuring children's writer Jonathan Meres, author of the 'World of Norm' series.

Saturday's line-up includes bestselling author of romantic fiction Veronica Henry, children's events for all the family, and a talk on the Welsh at Passchendaele from local historian and headteacher Jonathan Hicks.

On the Sunday, former Welsh education minister Huw Lewis will be talking about his memoir of growing up in Aberfan, and there will be an evening of poetry readings and music.

The festival draws to a close on with a talk from comedienne and classicist Natalie Haynes on her novel retelling the Oedipus myth from the perspective of its female characters.

The full programme will be published in early June when tickets will also go on sale. Meanwhile, local residents are encouraged to contact Griffin Books on 02920 706455 for further information.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Farmers' Market

THE monthly Porthcawl Market will take place on Saturday, May 27 at the Griffin Park Community Hall in New Road, Porthcawl.

Starting time is 9.30am until 12.30pm. We will have the usual range of local food produce available but sadly will be saying farewell to our regular bread and cake producer, Liz, who is moving. This will leave a vacancy, so if there is a producer interested in attending the market please contact Mike Pett, the co-ordinator on MoB 07709827021.

Bell tower tour in Cowbridge

CLIMB the spiral staircase in Holy Cross Church on Bank Holiday Monday, May 29.

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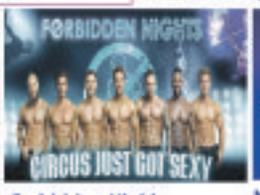

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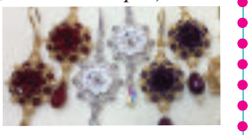

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Jam Fund's gift will help Barry youngster

THE work of Vale charity the Jam Fund is continuing and the latest recipient is a nine-year-old boy from Barry.

The fund was started in memory of Jamie Adamson, who died of cancer aged five in 2004.

Since 2005, it has raised more than £400,000 and helped numerous youngsters suffering from ill health, as well as providing support for their families.

Jamie's father Paul, told The GEM: "We recently made a donation of £640 to a little boy in Barry.

"A family friend, Mya Marsh, contacted me to ask if the fund could help with a donation towards some therapy for the boy because he is affected by autism.

"It will enable the family to access a communication course.

"Mya's husband, Simon, used to work with me at Dow Corning and has recently been working on an oil rig in the North Sea.

"The crew of the rig kindly donated £300 to the Jam Fund. A further £310 was donated by my ex-crewmates of HMS *Cornwall*, a type 22 frigate, which was commissioned into the Royal Navy in 1988 by the Diana Princess of Wales, who also launched the ship in Glasgow in 1985.

Paul Adamson presenting a cheque to Mya.

"We were the very first crew of the ship and we have a reunion every few years to commemorate our time as her crew.

"The ship was recently scrapped in Swansea dry docks. The last time we met was in Plymouth just a few weeks ago, where we remembered three of our shipmates who have sadly passed away, by laying a wreath at the National Naval Memorial on Plymouth Hoe.

"I would like to thank the crew of the Northern Producer Oil Rig and my shipmates of HMS *Cornwall,* who collectively have made the donation to this little Barry boy possible."

Paul's HMS **Cornwall** *shipmates donated £310 at a recent Royal Navy reunion.*

Chwarae Teg's 'Womenspire Award' finalists

TEACHERS, student midwives, activists, scientists, theatre directors, entrepreneurs and employers from across Wales have been shortlisted as finalists for this year's 'Womenspire Awards' ahead of the celebration on June 21 at Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff.

Chwarae Teg received over 300 nominations across the 12 categories recognising the extraordinary achievements many individuals and organisations have made in leading equality in their industry such as business, arts, sports, STEM, rural and education.

Chief executive of the awards, which are sponsored by CGI and supported by a range of other organisations, Cerys Furlong, said: "Following the success of last year's event we knew that there were more incredible individuals achieving and championing equality here in Wales.

"We've been overwhelmed with the stories and have seen some empowering and compelling nominations that we can't wait to share on June 21."

Two nominees are from Bridgend.

Viv Buckley, deputy principal at Bridgend College, has more than 30 years' experience in education and her sponsor said: "Viv makes me believe that anything is possible."

"Viv has delivered several projects and mentors young women as part of the LEAD project run by the Bridgend Public Service Board."

Sian Preddy from Bridgend was reportedly told by a careers officer that she would "...not be suitable as a nurse as she was too deaf."

Several years later she returned to learning to do her CACHE Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education and is now a student midwife.

Her sponsor said: "Returning to education was remarkably difficult. Sian could not hear the lecturers, and they were not 'deaf aware'.

"She was struggling, but she persevered, knowing this was a career she would really love and had a passion for."

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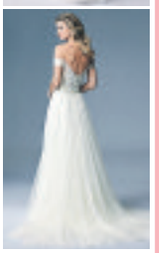

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Barry astronomers say: LOOK OUT FOR MOON'S 'TERMINATOR'

THE month of June is perhaps not the best time to begin a monthly column on what you can see in the night sky, because it hardly gets dark at all.

Still, astronomers do not hibernate and there is always something to look at, weather permitting.

The one object everyone can find is the Moon. In fact, I will let you into a little secret. If you live close to an amateur astronomer, you may well see him or her jump up and down while shaking a fist at the sky. This may well be because moonlight often drowns out the fainter objects we want to see.

If you own an ordinary pair of binoculars, try using them to look at the Moon and you will be able to see a wealth of detail. Your binoculars will have two numbers on them, one small, and one big. They may look something like this: '7 x 50'.

The small number is the amount of magnification, the large number is the field of view. Using such an instrument you will be able to see large craters, flat plains, and even mountain ranges. You may think the best time to view is when the Moon is full, but this is not so. The best time to view is when the Moon is a crescent.

Train the binoculars on the terminator – this is the line where the bright edge meets the dark edge. The reason for this is because the Moon has no light of its own – it is merely reflecting sunlight.

When the Moon is a crescent, sunlight falls on its surface at an angle creating better shadows. This allows the features to stand out more clearly. When the Moon is full, sunlight is shining straight down and shadows are smaller.

The first week of June is a good time to look, and the Moon is full on Friday 9. All is not lost if you do decide to have a look at the full Moon, because you will now be able to trace bright rays that emanate from some young craters. The rays are caused by material that has been blasted out of craters, and fallen back to the surface.

The Moon can also act as a marker to locate fainter objects; on June 8 it lies very close to the planet Saturn (more about this next month). On June 21, early risers will see it below the planet Venus.

If you are already familiar with the night sky you will have noted one bright star outshining all the others. In fact, this isn't a star at all but the planet Jupiter. The Moon will appear to be very close to Jupiter on June 3.

If you do spot Jupiter, look at it with your binoculars and you may be able to see up to four tiny little stars. These are the four moons that were discovered by Galileo around 1610. Watch them for a few nights and they will move positions relative to Jupiter, just as the Moon changes position in the sky.

Allow me to offer some tips. Firstly, and most importantly, never look directly at the Sun with any binoculars or indeed a telescope: instant blindness could result.

Secondly, to get the best out of observing the night sky, you will need to dark adapt your eyes.

Our eyes are best suited to observing in daylight and therefore you will need to spend at least 10 minutes in the dark before your eyes have adapted.

Try this experiment: sit in a room at night with the lights on, then turn them off and wait. Minute by minute your, eyes will begin to adapt and now you should begin to see familiar shapes around you.

But remember, it takes a split second to lose your dark adaptation, so astronomers don't like bright lights. At the same time, we want to be able to have enough light to read star charts or find our way around our garden.

Red light is fine, so always carry a red torch with you. Try and find a suitable spot away from any bright lights, and if this means you leave your own surroundings, always tell others where you are going and take a charged mobile phone with you.

If I can be of help, or you would like further information, look at the Barry Astronomical Website, www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com

DAVE POWELL

Next generation of sports coaches at Ysgol Y Deri

Six pupils from Ysgol Y Deri have made their first steps into sports coaching.

SIX pupils from Ysgol Y Deri completed an Active Young People (AYP) Sports Organisers course recently, equipping them with the skills to go on and lead their own sports sessions in the future.

Delivered by the Vale Council, the course aimed to "pass on valuable transferrable skills to be used in a sports-based environment," said a spokesperson.

The spokesperson continued: "The AYP course acts as the first step onto the coaching pathway, with participants able to learn how to construct session plans, organise warm ups and how to lead competitive team matches.

"At the end of the course, each pupil had successfully run an element of a sports session, with this being followed by a period self-evaluation to highlight their strengths and the areas they could develop in the future.

"It is hoped that the pupils can put these skills into practice during term time, as well as assist with the delivery of future Vale holiday schemes."

Sully WI learn all about seashells

SULLY WI met at The Old School on May 3; president Jean Dowding welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Following the annual meeting in April, we are now embarking on a new programme of speakers and events.

The first of these was our speaker for the evening, Rosemary Scaddon, with a talk entitled 'Cones, Cowries, Conches and Clams – Shells from the South Pacific'.

During the 1970s, Rosemary had lived on the island of Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, where she had started her collection of shells.

The coral reef surrounding the island was the main source of shells, which were washed up onto the beach after heavy storms.

She told us about how the shells had been used by the islanders for personal decoration and also for more practical purposes, for example, oysters were used to make pearl buttons.

We thoroughly enjoyed listening to the interesting facts and amusing stories that she told us, especially the way that hermit crabs lined up from large down to small, to swap shells, as they grew too large for their current home.

We thanked her for such an interesting and enjoyable talk, as well as the opportunity to see a selection of her very large and varied collection of wonderful shells.

The ACWW competition: A shell, was won jointly by Jean Dowding, Anne Rees and Liz Roberts. The raffle winner was Sally Smith.

At the mid-month meeting on Wednesday, May 17, Sully WI hosted the Social Group of local WIs.

The Sully U3A Singing For Pleasure choir entertained us superbly, with a concert of songs from musicals such as *Carousel* and *Aspects of Love*.

Everyone had an enjoyable and uplifting evening, with coffee/tea and biscuits and the chance to meet members of other WIs.

Sully WI meets on the first and third Wednesday each month at 7.15pm in The Old School, Sully. New members are always welcome. For more information, call Liz on 029 20530887.

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'Blight of rural crime must be addressed,' *SAYS NFU CYMRU*

'THE next UK Government must take action to show it is serious about addressing the blight of rural crime' – that was the message from the Nation Farmers' Union (NFU) Cymru Rural Affairs Board, which met recently.

Rural crime was high up the agenda at the meeting on May 18, with farmers across Wales increasingly concerned about incidences of criminal activity including vehicle thefts, livestock theft, fly-tipping, sheep worrying, trespass, poaching, arson, vandalism and fraud.

NFU Cymru Rural Affairs Board Chair Hedd Pugh said: "Crime in rural areas affects members of the farming community disproportionately. It costs farmers time and money and also presents a risk to human health, farm animals, wildlife and the environment.

"NFU Cymru members are experiencing increases in various rural crime incidents that severely impact their farm businesses and strike fear and distress into our rural communities.

He said that NFU Cymru is "committed to making sure that farmers are not seen as a 'soft target' for criminals."

Ahead of the 2017 General Election on June 8, the NFU is seeking commitments from all political parties to address rural crime issues that are having a "huge impact on farming communities and agricultural businesses".

"While businesses who have been the victims of crime have taken steps to reduce the risk themselves, it is clear that much more must be done and the next Westminster Government must address rural crime and ensure that future funding for policing reflects the additional costs associated with policing in rural area; and the Ministry of Justice should direct the Sentencing Council to ensure up to date Magistrates' Court Sentencing Guidelines are in place for all rural crimes.

"Police forces in Wales, most notably North Wales Police's Rural Crime Unit, have worked in conjunction with the industry to tackle rural crime head on – and for this continued, concerted effort, NFU Cymru and its members are very grateful."

An NFU spokesperson added that one of the union's key policy statements ahead of the election is: "The next UK Government must show that it is serious about the blight of rural crime, through funding which reflects the additional cost of policing rural areas and by refreshing sentencing guidelines to ensure that a deterrent effect is achieved.'

College web designers beat off stiff competition

TWO Level 3 IT students from Cardiff and Vale College have won a competition to design a website for the college's coffee shop, Bae Coffi.

Students Mateusz Kolacki (18) and Tomek Pawelek (20) both living in Cardiff, beat off competition with their winning design and were presented with a prize of £200 each. The Bae Coffi team will now "explore coding the design to make it a reality".

The brief called for an 'innovative website that is visually appealing and user-friendly'.

Mateusz said: "It was fun and a new experience – we learned a lot of new things as we had to go through the entire design process and not just create the website."

"It took quite a lot of time as we had to start from scratch," Tomek added.

"We've coded the website so that if there are any changes the people at Bae Coffi can do it easily."

WHAT'S ON - IN BRIEF

Enfys Craft Fair

A CRAFT fair will take place on June 3 at the St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry (CF62 6NX) between 10am and 4pm; admission free.

With 16 stall holders one is spoilt for choice, be it greeting cards, woodcraft, cushions or jewellery. When lunchtime comes, sample the delights from Ann's Kitchen and her 'specials of the day'. Louise's cakes or pastries always go down well with a nice hot cuppa.

Charity for June will be ValePlus, in Barry. Why not pop in and see us, support our charity and spoil yourself with a little something from one of our stalls. For more information contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

Sale

A 50p SALE will be held in the All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Wednesday, May 31 from 2.15pm until 3.30pm. Admission 50p to include tea / coffee. All items 50, many bargains available. All proceeds to charity.

Creative and crafty in Cardiff Bay

The exhibition in Cardiff Bay features work by first-year students.

FOUNDATION degree students in a range of creative disciplines from Cardiff and Vale College have organised their own exhibition – Bay Creative – at art venue Craft in the Bay.

The exhibition in Cardiff Bay features work in ceramics, textiles, graphic design, product design and fashion styling and will run until June 11.

The students are marketing and running the exhibition themselves and many of the works on display are for sale.

Craft in the Bay's Simon Burgess said: "Having the opportunity to set a live project to be exhibited in our gallery is both rewarding and a privilege. We are always more than happy to exhibit work by students of Cardiff and Vale College, and this year is no exception with a high standard of work being evident through the pieces on display."

Polished Mr Sheen talks to NFU Ladies

THE May speaker at a recent Vale NFU Ladies' meeting, John Sheen, gave us his 250th talk on 'Five boys and a pasty', and made the evening very special.

Born in 1947, he took us back to all the good things in life, including 'Syrup of Figs' on a Friday night.

Mrs Frances Rees gave the vote of thanks and also won the raffle...again!

Kay Gay wished everyone a good summer and a good harvest until the group meets again on Tuesday, September 19 in Penllyn Village Hall at 7.30pm; all are welcome. **RJE**

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A warm welcome to all at the Urdd Eisteddfod in Bridgend!

THE tents are up, the costumes are ready and the satnav is set for Bridgend – it's time for the 2017 Urdd Eisteddfod!

This year the Eisteddfod is being held on the Bridgend College Campus, and 90,000 visitors are expected to visit the festival during half-term week.

S4C viewers can also join in the fun throughout the week, with extensive live broadcasts (available with English commentary) and evening highlights (English subtitles available).

And if you're heading to the festival Maes, you can be sure of a great day out according to Tegwen Elis, chair of the executive committee.

"This is the first time the Urdd Eisteddfod has been to the area since 1991 and we're keen to welcome people from around Wales. Local schools have been decorated in the Urdd colours – red, white and green – and the campus has been transformed into a festival site. There's a real buzz about the place! Local people have been very supportive and have managed to raise huge sums of money and we're grateful for all their hard work."

The Eisteddfod kicks off with the opening concert on Sunday, May 28, with presenter Siân Lloyd guiding us through an evening of entertainment from performers such as West End star Sophie Evans, Only Boys Aloud and Dawnswyr Bro Taf.

From Monday to Saturday, broadcasts will begin at 10am and will include the competing, backstage gossip, and news from around the festival – from the various stands to the activities and live music.

You'll be in good hands with veteran Eisteddfod goers Anni Llŷn, Iwan Griffiths, Lois Cernyw and Trystan Ellis-Morris bringing all the action, live on screen. During the day, non-Welsh speaking viewers will be able to access English commentary via the red button or the audio selection option.

Each evening, presenter Heledd Cynwal will be taking a look at the day's highlights, with English subtitles available.

After months of hard work, the people of Bridgend are looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labour.

Tegwen Elis said: "The Eisteddfod has brought people from around the area together. Some local committees have suggested they continue to hold Welsh and bilingual events after the Eisteddfod. I hope the experience of being part of the Eisteddfod will stay with all involved for years to come."

Make sure you follow S4C's social media accounts to get the latest news from the Eisteddfod straight to your news feed – there will be updates on Facebook and Twitter, as well as a look behind the scenes on Instagram and Snapchat. Competitions seen on television will also be available to watch again on YouTube.

As always, all the programmes will be available to watch on demand online on s4c.cymru on the BBC iPlayer, or on the S4C app.

Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2017; opening concert – Sunday, May 28, 8.30, S4C; Monday – Saturday; Daily live broadcasts starts at 10am. English soundtrack available via the red button on Sky, Freeview or Virgin Media. Freesat viewers should use the audio selection option); Highlights programme every evening. English subtitles available.

Croeso mawr i Eisteddfod yr Urdd ym Mhen-y-bont ar Ogwr!

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Eleni mae'r Eisteddfod wed'i lleoli ym Mhen-y-bont ar Ogwr, Taf ac Elái, ac fe fydd S4C yn darlledu'n fyw o'r Maes drwy gydol yr wythnos o ddydd Sul, Mai 28 hyd at ddydd Sadwrn, Mehefin 3.

Ac mae yna groeso mawr yn disgwyl unrhyw un fydd yn ymweld â'r Ŵyl. Meddai Tegwen Elis, Cadeirydd Pwyllgor Gwaith Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2017, "Dyma'r tro cyntaf i'r Ŵyl ddychwelyd i'r ardal ers 1991, ac mae'r trigolion yn awyddus iawn i estyn croeso cynnes iawn i bobl Cymru. Mae'r awyrgylch yn un llawn cyffro wrth i'r ysgolion gael eu haddurno'n goch, gwyn a gwyrdd, ac wrth i'r maes gael ei drawsnewid i fod yn Ŵyl yn barod i groesawu pawb.

"Mae'r bobl leol wedi bod yn gefnogol iawn i'r Eisteddfod ac wedi llwyddo i godi swm enfawr o arian tuag at y gronfa leol ac rydyn ni'n ddiolchgar iawn iddyn nhw am eu gwaith caled."

Bydd yr Ŵyl yn dechrau gyda'r Gyngerdd Agoriadol ar nos Sul, Mai 28, gyda'r gyflwynwraig Siân Lloyd yn arwain y noson. Ymysg y sêr fydd yn perfformio, bydd seren y West End, Sophie Evans, Only Boys Aloud a Dawnswyr Bro Taf.

Yna, o ddydd Llun i ddydd Sadwrn, fe fydd y darlledadau'n dechrau am 10 y bore ac yn cynnwys y cystadlu, y bwrlwm gefn llwyfan, ynghyd â naws y stondinau, gweithgareddau a cherddoriaeth fyw ar hyd y maes. Ac fe fyddwch mewn cwmni da gydag Anni Llŷn, Iwan Griffiths, Lois Cernyw a Trystan Ellis-Morris wrth y llyw i'ch tywys drwy'r dydd.

Bob nos, fe fydd Heledd Cynwal yn bwrw golwg yn ôl dros ddigwyddiadau'r dydd yn y rhaglen uchafbwyntiau. Wrth gwrs, fe fydd yr wythnos i gyd yn binacl i bawb sydd wedi bod yn helpu gyda'r paratoadau yn yr ardal.

Meddai Tegwen Elis: "Oherwydd yr Eisteddfod, mae na gyfeillgarwch newydd wedi'i sefydlu o fewn cymunedau ac ar draws y dalgylch. Mae nifer o'r pwyllgorau apêl wedi awgrymu y byddan nhw'n parhau i gynnal digwyddiadau Cymraeg a dwyieithog yn dilyn yr Eisteddfod. Rwy'n gobeithio bydd y profiad o fod yn rhan o'r gweithgarwch yn aros gyda thrigolion yr ardal am weddill eu hoes."

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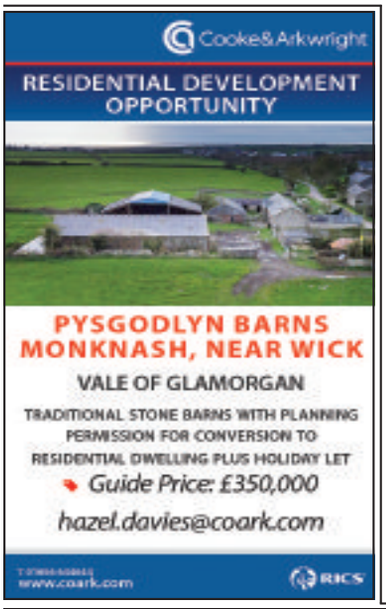

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A fifth annual award ceremony for the Vale Parent-Child Homework Support Club

THE Vale Parent-Child Homework Support Club recently celebrated its fifth annual award ceremony.

Based in Rhoose, the club supports more than 140 children aged from three to 16 with English and maths. The club is run by a team of dedicated volunteers and welcomed over 200 people to award young people from across the Vale.

The club has evolved over the years to do much more than child academic support. With the help of partners the Youth Service and the Vale of Glamorgan Lifelong Learning, the club has been able to offer a variety of courses for adult learners, from basic courses through to degree level.

The club would like to thank their community partners Tarmac for supporting the evening, along with Newydd, Vale Homes and Lovells. Paul Adamson from JAM Fund, and the club would like to thank JAM for their ongoing support.

The awards night finished with a presentation of 90 Easter eggs collected by the Cwm Ciddy Carvery, Barry.

Tarmac child of the year: Lily Bale (right) with young achiever and volunteer Megan Harris and Chris Bradbury of Tarmac.

Young Achiever Mercedes Matthew with youth worker supervisor Annette Harrison

Vale Homes Adversity award: Summer Pugh and Kaylie Money.

Newydd Child of Courage Tobey Rosser Thomas.

Young Achiever Matthew Beadsley.

Teenage Volunteer of the Year – Alex Ashurst.

Adult Learner of the Year – Claire Trickett presented by Debbie Lewis for the Vale Lifelong Learning service.

Jamie Adamson Memorial Shield Most Improved was Harry Thomas.

GVS adult volunteer – James Leonard.

Teacher award: Ben Raymond

GVS Young Volunteer of the Year Tilly Smith.

Highlight Park WI news

ON behalf of the British Heart Foundation, Lynda Wallis-Hawkins came to Highlight Park WI to give us a very interesting account of the role of a volunteer.

Some people get involved in raising funds, with ideas such as fashion shows, classic car shows, wartime shows and bequests from funerals – even selling pens and keyrings at events.

The money raised is used for research into cardiovascular problems and a lot goes into purchasing defibrillators.

Their branch raised more than £12,500 last year and has provided three defibrillators for the Dinas Powys area. Each one costs £400 with another £480 to provide the safety case it is housed in.

Lynda had a vested interest in the BHF, having experienced heart problems herself and within her family. The BHF motto 'A little heart makes a big difference' is very inspiring, and the inscription on their pens 'Fight for every heartbeat' gives food for thought.

In the business section, members were welcomed by president Barbara. New members were welcomed and a birthday was announced, although the lady was not present. Letters had been received and read out including a card from Jeannette, a former secretary of 17 years who had sent a very heartfelt thanks to the members. She will not be standing down completely, as she has taken on the role of collecting the cash for trips.

Another letter came from Denman House thanking the group for the donation towards the upkeep of their grade II listed building. They need to raise £1,000,000 and work is due to start.

Pat Downes had had a photo taken with Alun Cairns and was featured on Facebook for the green hearts initiative to bring awareness to all things green and the environment.

Pam Ralphs was welcomed in as the new secretary and read out all the forthcoming events.

Pam Aldridge, treasurer, read out the current financial status.

June Davies read out the minutes of the annual meeting held last month. June is now the minute secretary, having held office previously as president.

Members were informed that ASDA have a box nominated to collect discs to support WI.

A delegate of four members recently attended the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes in Port Talbot. Barbara Bowring, Jean Thomas, Pam Ralphs and Sue Wade enjoyed a wonderful day with 461 other attendees. They were made welcome by Ann Davies, the Federation chairman.

In the company of many other branches, they enjoyed talks given by Jane Dixon, head of Denman House, followed by the chairman's address and Dame Rosemary Butler, Presiding Officer at the Welsh Assembly.

This was followed by an unusual talk by Helen Sharman, the first British astronaut, on how she was one day working for Mars confectionary company and after applying to train as an astronaut, became seconded to the MIR space station.

In June, Ascot Day takes place when members can show off their frocks and hats.

The group meets at Highlight Park Community Centre on the first Tuesday of each month for a social meeting, every Thursday for Sewing Circle at 2pm, and the third Tuesday each month at 7pm for an invited speaker.

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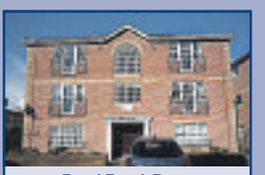

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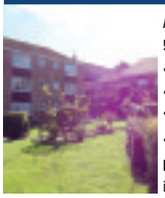

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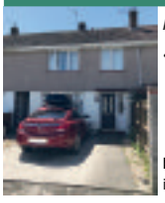

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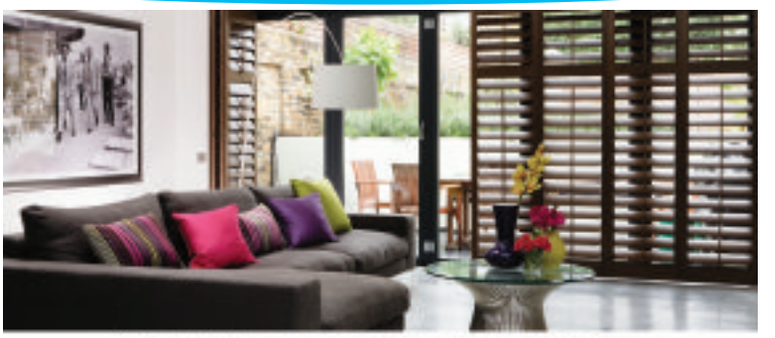

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Funeral Service at 1.15pm on Tuesday, 30th May at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to Marie Curie Hospice, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

JENKINS
Nancy

Died peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital, at the age of 101. Nancy had lived in Graig Penllyn all her life. Much loved mother of Pat, grandmother of Chris and Helen, great grandmother of Hannah.

She will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, May 31 at 2.15pm.
No flowers by request.
Grateful thanks to the staff of Ward 4 of the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

MILES
Lily Ethel

Peacefully at her home on May 14, Lily passed away aged 85 years. Beloved wife of the late Ernie. Cherished mum to Ian and Julie.

She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown and Son, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 2nd June 2017 at 2.15pm
Immediate family flowers please, donations if wished (cheques only please) for the Alzheimer's Society or British Heart Foundation c/o the funeral director.

JESSICA RICH
'Gerry'

07.05.1922 – 20.5.2017

Just to let all her friends know that she has passed on.
We will miss you Ger.

JONES
Edna

Peacefully on May 18 at the University Hospital of Wales Cardiff, Edna, aged 90 years, wife of the late Stan, mum of Susan, Barbara and Catherine. Mother-in-law of Paul, Bob and Eddie, nana of Helen and Kenny, Richard and Fiona, Lucy and Neil, Nicola and Adam, Kate and Ross, James and Sarah, Ruth, Peter and Beth. Grand-nan of Chloe, Jack, Emilia, Eliza, Amelie, Cody, Brooke, Elliott and Daisy. Sister of Betty and aunt to her many nephews and nieces.

Edna was an amazing lady, loving and caring, cherished by her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service at St Cadoc's Old Village Church, Barry on Friday, June 2 at 11am, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium Barry at 12 noon. Family flowers only. If you would like to give a donation in memory of Edna the family wish it to go to the stroke ward at UHW Cardiff (cheques to Ward A6 Endowment Fund 9600, c/o the funeral home). In keeping with Edna's wishes, the family would like everyone to wear something pink.

EVELEIGH
Eileen Azalea

Peacefully on May 11 at Llandough Hospital, Eileen Azalea, aged 101 years, of Barry. Beloved wife of the late William Joseph Ernest. Dearly loved mother of Roger, Philip and the late Michael. Mother-in-law of Maggie, Diane and Margaret. Cherished grandmother and great grandmother.

Eileen will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Wednesday, 31 May. Service in the chapel at 11.30am, followed by interment at Barry cemetery. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

Acknowledgement

Mansbridge
Leslie (Lester)

Leanora and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their cards, messages of sympathy and condolences.

Thank you to all who attended Lester's funeral to give him a send off he would have liked. Thanks for all donations, in lieu of flowers, totalling £580, which has been divided between RNLI Barry and Holme Tower Hospice, Penarth. Thanks also to Colin, Darrell and Laura for making the service so personal to Lester and his family.
Thanks also to Robert Fouracre and staff of A. G. Adams Funeralcare and the nursing staff at Holme Tower, especially Meg (ground floor), who showed great compassion to our family.
RIP Captain Lester.

In Memory

HUMPHREY
Dorothy

Passed away on May 22, 2016.

Our precious memories:
We miss you so very much, Dot.
You were so brave through all your years of suffering.
You never once complained, you were so special.
And we, along with your many, many friends,
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Gordon, Judith and Gary.

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Shaun Glyn

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Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of Monday – Thursday 0830 – 1700 hours and Friday 0830 – 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website www.bridgend.gov.uk

Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application which must be submitted in writing to the following address before the date shown below : Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB

NAME OF APPLICANT: **A.F. Blakemore & Son Ltd trading as Blakemore Retail**

NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES : **Spar – Brackla Way, Brackla, Bridgend, CF31 2JS**

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED VARIATION: To allow the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises between the hours of 06.00 – 23.00 hours daily including bank holidays and to remove any embedded restrictions inherited from the Licensing Act 1964 relating to the permitted hours

DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE : **16th June 2017**

This Notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority namely 19th May 2017 for 28 consecutive days.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5000.

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Penarth Scaffolding Company Limited trading as **Specialist Modular Scaffold** of **47 Arcot Street, Penarth, South Glamorgan, Wales, CF64 1EU** Is applying for a licence to use **Yard A2, Atlantic Way, Barry Docks, South Glamorgan, CF63 3RA** as an operating centre for 3 goods vehicles and 0 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of the land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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Information via (Figures correct as of April 2017)

Salmon fishermen and stunning views – ramblers see the Wye Valley at its best

AT the start of Penarth and District Ramblers summer evening walks, a forecast of rain showers meant only three walkers were lured out to join Joy at the Twyn.

Setting off on a humid evening with only a few drops of rain that soon stopped, a climb up through the peaceful Dinas Powys golf course led to the One o'Clock Gate and then, by lane, into woodland.

Passing neatly-piled logs and with the aroma of bluebells and wild garlic filling the air, a circumnavigation of the pretty Park Wood and a descent led to Cwm George, through the stunning copper beech wood for their return to Dinas Powys.

Ten walkers joined William for an epic 17.5-mile journey through a variety of stunning woodlands with their picturesque views over the gorgeous Wye Valley.

Driving to Chepstow for the 40-minute scenic bus ride into Monmouth town centre and crossing the Wye Bridge into Gloucestershire, the spring-flowered banks of the Wye led them past the old disused viaduct.

They saw salmon fishermen and banks smothered in bluebells on re-crossing into Monmouthshire via the footbridge at Redbrook.

After a pleasant break near a fishing lodge in hazy sunshine, the first climb by road and track led into Cuckoo Wood with its moss covered boulders. Upon reaching Cleddon, following a lack of rainfall, hardly any water was tumbling down the steep hillside into the valley above Llandogo.

Climbing gradually into Bargain Wood, where carved lines of poetry on wooden benches mark viewpoints over the magnificent River Wye, they headed down to Botany Bay.

A descent through bluebell and garlic-lined paths at Coed Beddick heralded a late lunch at Tintern Old Station in warm sunshine.

Taking advantage of the flat riverbank, they stopped on the journey to Tintern for refreshing ice creams in the shadow of the ruined Tintern Abbey and headed up through lush green meadows.

The short, steep scramble up the cliff into Black Cliff Wood with its ancient Iron Age Fort brought them high above the Wye gorge.

Reaching the Eagle's Nest with its breathtaking views out over the Severn Estuary, the winding River Wye, the Lancaut Peninsula, the steep cliffs at Wintour's Leap and the ruined Chepstow Castle, meant a brief stop for revitalising cake from John R accompanied by the delivery of a poem by WH Davies from William.

Descending steeply through Lower Wyndcliff Wood and the rocky Giant's Cave led them towards the delightful ruins of Piercefield House and stables, with its surrounding parkland and glorious view towards the Severn Bridge.

In warm golden sunshine, the last leg adjacent to Chepstow Racecourse led along a lane, through a gate in a stone wall and back to Chepstow.

On May 26, meet at 10.15am at Rhoose Railway Station for a 9.5-mile moderate walk to Llantwit Major and the return by train as part of the VOG Walking Festival; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On May 27, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10.5-mile moderate walk from Lydbrook in the Wye Valley; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

To follow the group, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Cowbridge Tennis ladies' excellent start to season

AFTER three rounds of matches in the South Wales Tennis Doubles Leagues, the ladies of Cowbridge Tennis Club have had a cracking start to the season.

The ladies have been showing the way and have only one defeat from six matches for our first and second ladies teams. This is all the more impressive given the fact that more than half the first team regulars, who played such a great role in achieving promotion to Division Two last year, have not been as available this year for various reasons.

Even more impressive is that the ladies second team have won all three matches and sit atop Division 5. This is testament to our ladies captains, Kirsty Heald and Kate Button, who have juggled resources and encouraged new club and team members.

All in all, everyone has played a fantastic role and needless to say there is a great spirit among our ladies. The only defeat to date was in a recent local derby at Bridgend.

This correspondent was present at Bridgend and witnessed fantastic tennis by both teams and while the result may not have gone our way, the ladies can remain heartened by the level of tennis they played, particularly given two new pairings and a first team debut for our third pair.

Ella Williams /Natalie Morgan, Kirsty Heald/Karen James and Kate Button/Sarah Penketh acquitted themselves well against a very experienced Bridgend team with county champions in their midst.

Our men are keenly taking tips from our ladies as they await their first wins of the season. However, there have been several close matches with half of the men's matches to date finishing 3-3, only for us to lose on countback of sets or games.

In the league's wisdom this year, a bonus point has been introduced for losing draws so opportunities remain to climb the leagues and compete for promotion.

The men are in Premier 3, Division 2 and Division 6 against clubs with usually much bigger resources and full time professional tennis players so we can still feel proud of punching above our weight.

Nevertheless, the captains will no doubt be consulting our in-house guru, Allan Duggan, for the right tactics to accelerate the rest of the season.

The club has a thriving membership and there are opportunities for all to play most nights, Saturday afternoons and ladies mornings so you can play where you feel most comfortable.

The under-12, under-10 and under-9 junior teams have debuted their first ever summer league matches (match reports to follow in next week's GEM).

We are a friendly family orientated club and are always welcoming new members. More detailed information is available on our website http://cltc.webs.com/ or please call our coach Ian Duggan on 07919 816609.

DB

Cowbridge firsts win

A quite brilliant 84 by Jonathan Hubsmidt out of a team total of 118 all out proved the decisive contribution as Cowbridge beat Merthyr by 38 runs on Saturday.

Not content with playing an innings which dominated the Cowbridge scorecard, Jonathan then bowled out the home tail taking 3-15 to secure the win.

The Cowbridge players were understandably delighted when Jonathan's search for a new challenge brought him to the club.

As an all-rounder he had been one of Premier League's brightest stars but no one could have imagined that he would illuminate the Pentrebach ground with an innings which displayed technique, belligerence and experience in equal measures.

In short on a pitch that was barely fit for play Jonathan was pure class.

The value of the innings is obvious when one considers that of the rest of the Cowbridge line up only Matthew Harper reached double figures with 16.

So the visitors had a total of 118 to defend. Not much you might think, and at tea it seemed Cowbridge were on the brink of losing to one of the bottom sides.

Such an outcome would have been a severe setback to the first XI's lofty ambitions. Nothing short of an excellent bowling and fielding performance would suffice.

Captain Chris Willey need not have worried. The bowlers came up trumps aided by some fine catching. Although the home side proceeded at a snail's pace to 38-1 there was no question of Cowbridge making their task an easy one.

Nick Wood was accuracy personified as he claimed two wickets, Joe Russell also picked up a brace and Heath Webb's first first team wicket was as a result of a fine catch by Ben Wright.

There was also a great effort to cling on to a catch by Richie Howson. By the time Jonathan Hubsmidt came into the attack, a home victory was looking remote, and thanks to the man of the match the end was not long delayed.

By the time Cowbridge's scorer, Sarah Russell, had logged off her laptop (no old-fashioned pencils and books!) 20 wickets had fallen and only four batsmen had reached double figures.

Consider that Jonathan scored more than the entire Merthyr score on his own, it really was an extraordinary achievement.

On Saturday the first XI play Llanelli at home.

JRB

Employees out in force for Give and Gain Day

PUBLIC-sector employees from the Vale Council recently provided 120 hours of volunteering when they stopped doing a normal day's work to support local projects for Give and Gain Day.

The Council's Neighbourhoods team were joined by volunteers for three schemes, with members of Building Services contributing by deploying materials and labour throughout the day.

The three sites for the work included: St Peter's Church in Dinas Powys, Stratford Green, Barry and the Tenovus Distribution Centre, Cardiff.

In Dinas Powys, the volunteers cleared a section of land and created a 'fire pit' for the church. Stratford Green in Barry was cleared of litter and fly-tipped rubbish.

The volunteers helped to give the garage doors across the whole street a complete make-over, with a fresh coat of paint being applied to them.

Volunteers also made an appearance at Tenovus and assisted with the processing of items into the centre, as well as preparing goods for distribution.

Miles Punter, director of environment and housing services for the Council, volunteered on the day and said: "Give and Gain Day provides us with an opportunity to get out of the office and provide a helping hand to our local communities.

"The camaraderie on the day was excellent, with all volunteers contributing to brighten up the areas in Dinas Powys and Barry. It is a really worthwhile cause, and I wish to thank everyone who joined me on the day."

Give and Gain Day, organised by Business in the Community (BITC), is the UK's only national day that, 'celebrates the power and potential of employee volunteering'. Volunteers give up a day's work of their normal day-to-day job to help local businesses and engage with the community.

CHARITY GOLF DAY RAISE FUNDS FOR TENOVUS

THE annual NFU Mutual Insurance charity golf day was held last Friday at a sunny Southerndown Golf Club where 124 golfers assembled to raise funds for the Tenovus 'Closer to Home' appeal fund.

With quality prizes donated by many generous sponsors, the day's individual and team competitions were keenly contested.

In the men's section, Cowbridge resident Peter Croke, with a very respectable 37 points claimed first prize just ahead of Andrew Burton also with 37 points but with an inferior back nine. Rob Jackson finished in third place with 36 points.

In the ladies section, Mrs Kath Evans collected first prize with 36 points followed by Helen Evans who scored 32.

Nearest the pin on the par 3-holes were Roger Jones, Shirley Lewis, Peter O'Toole and David Cream, who also correctly guessed that 177 balls would fail to make the journey home.

James Humphreys and Shirley Lewis won the longest drive prizes and Charles Heaven was rewarded with a prize for being nearest the pin with his second shot to the 18th green.

Gareth Perkins, accompanied by Richard Scott, Shaun Davies and Andrew Burton won the men's team event with 111 points, followed by Nat West Bank, who scored 105 points.

A team from Pyle Garden Centre finished third with 103 points.

Two teams representing JCP Solicitors had contrasting fortunes with bragging rights being claimed by the successful ladies team – Clare Goldsworthy, Helen Evans, Lyn Walters and Shirley Lewis.

Their male colleagues from JCP Solicitors – Rory Hutchings, Chris Davies, Sean Boucher and Aidan Jones – collected the Best Endeavour prize.

Following the presentation ceremony a cheque for £5,000 was presented to Mr Brian Lakin, a trustee representing the Closer to Home appeal fund.

Brian thanked all those who had contributed to this worthy cause with a special mention to event organiser Mrs Pam Harris and also to the many very generous sponsors.

T.McC

Penarth Belle Vue Bowling Club latest

BELLE Vue went down by 14 shots, winning two rinks and losing two in a very close game with Barry Romilly in the Carruthers Shield.

Rink one won started slowly, but came through in the end. Lead was Richard Fitzjohn, No 2 was Frank Keen, No 3 was Dave Miller, skip was captain Malcolm Thomas who played a captain's part.

Rink two lost 36-15, but the score wasn't too bad! Two new members played well. Lead Dave Bradley No 2 Mike Owens, No 3 Richard Brant and skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink three had a good win 15-11; a real dog fight in the end. Lead was Gerry Field, No 2 was Paul Booth, No 3 was Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser, who was on top form to see his rink home.

Rink four lost 28-20. They started very well, led for quite a long time, but Romilly pulled it back to give them the victory and sealed the result.

A big thank you to Barry Romilly for a lovely spread after the match.

Both captains said the match was played in a friendly spirit with plenty of banter on all the rinks.

FRANK KEEN

MILLWOOD SLIP TO MUNRO CUP DEFEAT

DESPITE the incessant rain that fell throughout the day on Wednesday, Mother Nature finally relented in sufficient time for Millwood's Munro Cup game to take place on an overcast chilly evening at Sully Bowls Club.

Peter Taylor found his rink from the start in a battle with the Sully rink skipped by veteran Denis Edwards, always a hard man to defeat; the score see-sawed between them until the 15th end when Millwood scored a five to open a four shot lead.

Sully fought back and on the final end Millwood squeezed out a single shot to win 16-15.

Alan Bumford led his rink against the Sully rink skipped by M Hardy and despite his and his rink's best efforts, struggled all match finally going down 23-11.

Brian Crockford found his rink up against the Sully rink skipped by Carl Best. Millwood got off to a flier and after 10 ends led comfortably, 16-2.

Despite a revival by Sully, who scored a 6 on the 11th end, Millwood were not going to be denied, winning 19-11.

Meanwhile on rink five the closest match of the evening was taking place between rinks skipped by Keith Davies and Dave Curtis.

The first seven ends went shot for shot with Millwood clinging to a narrow lead. A four for Millwood opened clear water but Sully finally clinched the win, 17-12.

Honours even at two rinks apiece, overall Sully won 66-58.

On Saturday the club side visited Kenfig Hill for the third and final preliminary round of the Carruthers Cup.

Millwood set off with the best of intentions but the afternoon was to prove a big disappointment.

Although the rink skipped by Brian Crockford overcame a deficit of six shots to tie 19-19 and Keith Davies and his rink held their own for 14 ends, a dropped five on the 15th end was the beginning of the end, finally losing 32-16; with similar scores on the other two rinks, Millwood succumbed to a heavy defeat.

This season, the Carruthers Cup has not been our finest so we look forward to next year and concentrate our energy and efforts into the league programme which starts in a fortnight.

On Friday Cardiff Masonic came to Millwood for a three rink extravaganza played in its usual friendly but competitive spirit.

A very pleasant afternoon was had by one and all and with the overall result being a tie. Players and guests retired to the clubhouse for refreshments to round off a very pleasant afternoon and we look forward to our opponents' next visit.

Members are reminded that Saturday, May 27 is captain's day, and to book their places and attend the barbeque after-play.

BH

Kayaking Ben is a Little Shredder!

BEN Higson, who is in year 7 at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, has been selected to be part of the Jackson Kayaks Little Shredders team.

Jackson Kayaks are the biggest manufacturer of freestyle kayaks in the world and the Little Shredders are picked as being up-and-coming young people (up to age 15) who are also ambassadors to kayaking.

There are seven members in the team across the world and Ben was selected for one of the two places that came up this year (and will be the only one in the UK).

He is very excited about being selected and had to apply with a blog, picture and video clips. He will need to write four blogs for the website each year. Well done Ben!

Ben has competed in two freestyle events so far this year, the Welsh Open (where he came second in the 14-and-under) and Nene (where he won the same age group).

His scores were actually higher than several of the older competitors, with the third highest points at the Welsh Open (not including Elite paddlers) and fifth at Nene.

He also did C1 in Nene where he was the only one competing in this class.

The next event will be Nottingham on the weekend of June 3/4, good luck Ben!

Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up

RAIN affected matches last week.

A ladies Evening League game and a men's Munro Cup game were cancelled, both to be re arranged for later in the season.

The ladies did play a Thursday League match away to Llantwit and earned two points with a win on one rink.

Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Tina Payne, Sylvia Hole and Joan Bradley 17-8; Janet Morton, Caryl Davies, May Jones and Sue Flower 9-28; Helena Snelling, Corrie Bufton, Lynda Wilson and Jan Lewis 10-19. Match score Cowbridge 36, Llanwit Major 55.

The club has joined a new Triples League this season and played their first game away to Pontyclun last Thursday evening losing on all four rinks.

Rink scores: Gerwyn Watkins, Guy Morton and Roger Barwick 16-18; John Hunt, Bryan Hole and Bob Penn 12-18; Tom Purnell, John Collin and Clive Pritchard 11-25; Gerry Lloyd, Steve Dodsworth and Colin Wilson 6-26. Match score Cowbridge 45, Pontyclun 87.

Playing last Saturday the men had the daunting task of an away match to the Tonyrefail club Ely Valley in the Curruthers Shield.

Ely Valley has one of the best teams in Wales and are former winners of the Curruthers Shield.

With key Cowbridge players on holiday and another recovering from a fall in the garden it was made even harder.

Although well beaten, Gerry Lloyd and his team did compete and those that did make the trip will have gained from valuable experience.

Finally, this coming Saturday is club day and the club will be having an informal internal fun competition.

Players are asked to be at the club by 9.40am, any later and you will have missed 'the Spider'.

MB

Cowbridge RFC veterans take a mystery tour!

COWBRIDGE RFC'S annual vets tour took place on May 6 and 7 with a good mix of players, committee and supporters departing the club on their usual mystery trip.

The destination this year was Kidderminster and we were hosted by Chaddesley Corbett RFC.

A small and relatively new rugby club, they certainly made us feel most welcome, laid on a grand barbecue and entertained us in true rugby club fashion. And so as a thank you, we let them win the rugby!

The evening passed quite quietly as one would expect, and the following day we headed off to Much Marcle for a visit to Westons Cider Mill, before making our way to the White Lion Inn at Ross on Wye for a fantastic Sunday roast.

The weekend was finished off with the usual 'debrief' at the Duke of Wellington and a big thank you to Blair and the team for their hospitality as always.

Overall it was another great weekend organised by Alfonso Powell who, with a little help from the chairman, works tirelessly every year to make the trip possible for the club, which as ever is very much appreciated.

GT

BARRY RFC LOTTERY DRAW

THIS week's Barry RFC lottery numbers were 02, 09, 11 and 24 which again failed to find a winner.

This week's jackpot will be £4,820.

AJ

Bridge results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for May 22 are as follows:

First, Phil and Lou Edwards, 64.77 per cent; second, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler, 61.36 per cent; third, John Beard and Bill Turner, 60.91 per cent.

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Photographer looks back at the pivotal moments of Barry Town United's season

Barry Town United's success in gaining promotion to the Welsh Premier League was an incredible achievement, a history-making season that left fans with countless great memories. The GEM asked photographer John Smith of SAME OLD SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO to select the images that defined a season of hard work and celebrations that has put the club back where it belongs.

All pictures by Same Old Smith Photography (sameoldsmith.com, Twitter @sameoldsmiths).

Captain's day at golf club

Winners Dai Pugh (left) and Viv Williams (right) with club captain Kota Dayananda in the centre.

Runners-up Jill Arnold (left) and Barbara Beedham (right) with club captain Kota Dayananda.

Third place Paul Coombs (left) and Goff Williams (right) with club captain Kota Dayananda.

A huge entry of over 100 players gave tremendous support for new club captain Kota Dayananda at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club on a day aimed to raise funds for his nominated charity The Stroke Association, Cardiff.

A shotgun start worked perfectly to enable the course to be filled quickly, and importantly for all the competitors to finish at the same time to enjoy an excellent buffet generously provided by the club captain.

The usual competition entry fees were waived and members invited to make a similar donation to the captain's nominated charity.

The captain was delighted to announce that almost £400 was raised towards what is already looking like a very successful fundraising year.

The main competition was a four ball better ball stableford and traditionally the leading scores are very close and this year was no exception.

The first five places were separated by just a single point and the count back procedure was needed to separate the winners and places.

The winners were Viv Williams and Dai Pugh who picked up the first prize with 45 points. Just squeezed out and runners-up were Jill Arnold and Barbara Beedham who also scored 45 points but just lost out because of the count back.

Three teams scored 44 points and again after countback Paul Coombs and Goff Williams picked up the prize for third place.

Also on 44 points were Mark Gallivan and Del Lewis together with Andy Evans and Nigel Parry who picked up a share of the sweep prize as a consolation.

Phil Yee receives his prizes for the remarkable feat of winning both nearest-the-pin competitions.

In addition to the main competition there were the usual prizes for any twos and also for nearest the pin on the second and ninth par three holes.

Quite remarkably, Phil Yee picked up both prizes for nearest the pin, with each being within a club length of what might have been an expensive hole in one!

In presenting the prizes, Kota Dayananda thanked the members for their excellent support on the day – with particular thanks to the green staff for the presentation of the course which is now in peak condition. A few showers didn't dampen the spirits!

Special mention was given to club secretary Nicola Sims and Jason Harris, the club professional, for organising the day, together with bar and catering staff for their contribution in making it such a successful and enjoyable event.

The captain was particularly impressed with the response to the request to wear as much purple as possible to reflect the charity, and as such the real winners will be The Stroke Association Cardiff.

BJ

Suzanne's first gold a highlight as Beavers impress at swim gala

RECENTLY Barry Beavers Swimming Club attended their second away swimming gala which was hosted by Blaenau Gwent Otters on May 20 at Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre.

The team came home with an total of 13 medals (four golds, four silvers and five bronzes).

Also the team were thrilled for Suzanne Haslam, winning her first ever gold with the club she has swum for a number of years.

The team would like to congratulate her for her long overdue achievement, well done Suzanne from all in the team and the whole club: you should be proud of yourself!

The gold medal winners were as follows: Keira Richards Girls 25m, Suzanne Haslam Ladies 25m, Louis Davies Boys 50m, Ffion Jones Girls 100m.

Silver medal winners were as follows: Calum Savory Boys 25m, Jen Thomson Ladies 50m, Nadine Dyne Ladies 25m, junior relay (Jack, Ffion, Calum and Abby).

Bronze medal winners were as follows: Faye Sage Girls 25m, Abby Finch Girls 50m, Kyle Sirak Mens 50m, Jack Kemp Boys 100m, Sarah Davies Ladies 100m.

On top of that, the league swim team (Tyler, Nicholas, Gareth and Mark) came first in this gala.

Pat and all the supporting team like to congratulate the whole team for doing so well on the day and improving there times, you are all a credit to the club.

For all those who use the Co-op, the club is one of the chosen organisations and charities.

The club would appreciate everyone to vote for the club so the club can receive money from their donations.

NC

Vale of Glamorgan Pool League news

THE Vale of Glamorgan Pool League has just secured its first sponsor, Eze Drive, a Barry and Vale driving school owned and operated by Wayne Kenneally, which has generously sponsored two cups for the scotch doubles competition.

In the cup, Billy United had an emphatic 7-2 win over the Borough Arms. Dave Miller started the night off with a win over Les Ashton.

The Borough levelled the match with Gavin Stevens beating Gary Roberts. A win by Tom Ivins made it 2-1, then Rob Larkin made it 2-2.

From then on it was all about the Billy who won five straight frames leaving the Borough bewildered.

There were fine performances from unbeaten Tom Ivins, Ceri Morris and Ian Roberts. The Billy top group B and are on course to do the double.

In the league, the Castle beat Finnegans 10-0, the scoreline flattering to deceive, as Finnegans should have won at least four points in this game. Only poor finishing on the black let them down.

The Finnegans team are in their first year of competition pool and are improving every week.

The Castle, on the other hand, have years of experience and it showed with their composure and finishing, with captain Sean Kelly leading by example.

Alongside his colleagues Ralph and Brian, they have, between them, over 50 years of competitive pool experience.

The singles quarter-finals have been completed and going through to the semi-finals are Mark Ingram who beat Dan Roderick, with Ceri Morris, county captain James Hill and Barry's number one pool player, and favourite to win the singles, Chris Bardsley.

The league are looking for new players of all capabilities and more teams for their expanding league. Teams only need four players to compete, but with the new format, there is room for big squads also.

Please text Joe on 07870498738 or email him on Valeofglamorganpoolleague@gmail.com.

JB

Busy weekend for Barry tennis club

IT was another busy weekend for Barry CTC, with competitive action from the under-9s and ladies teams, as well as a full coaching programme.

The under-9s played their first matches of the season, and for some players it was their first ever taste of competitive tennis.

Everyone did well, despite their inexperience, and enjoyed hosting Llanelli at Romilly Park on Saturday (followed by a picnic in the sunshine, before the visitors enjoyed a trip to Barry Island, after securing a 6-4 win).

On Sunday, it was the under-9s turn to travel to visit their opponents, this time at the club's sister club Penarth Lawn Tennis Club.

The sun shone on some very competitive matches, with four of the 10 matches going to a deciding set, but PLTC ultimately won by nine rubbers to one.

Meanwhile, the ladies team travelled to Monmouth, and amidst some heavy downpours, a few rumbles of thunder, and some outbreaks of dazzling sunshine, the BarryCTC ladies secured a 3-1 victory, maintaining their 100 per cent fixture win rate this season.

Unfortunately, the 12u opponents withdrew due to illness at the last minute, meaning that BarryCTC win the fixture by default.

This weekend sees the ladies in action again against Rhondda, as well as the culmination of the Tennis for Kids programme, and the Quorn family Cup, where parents and children team up as doubles partners to compete for the chance to play at one of the grass tournaments later this summer. **PM**

New manager Ben tries his Luck at Dinas Powys FC

FOLLOWING the resignation of Paul Giles, who decided to step down from his management role, at the end of last season for family reasons, Dinas Powys FC are delighted to announce the appointment of Ben Luck as the new first team manager.

Ben has taken the step into management following a serious injury last season, which saw his season cut short while playing for Dinas Powys.

Ben's playing career has also seen him play for Cirencester, Aberaman, Cwmbran Celtic, Llanwern and AFC Porth.

Ben will be assisted in the role by Dave Penikett and Richie Garland, who will add experience to the management team.

The club would like to take the opportunity to thank Paul and his management team for their commitment and efforts last season, and at the same time would like to wish Ben and his management team, all the best for the coming season.

RG

Murch slip to Bridgend loss

ON Saturday, May 20, Murch Bowling Club visited Bridgend Municipal Bowling club in the Carruthers Cup.

Bridgend proved to be much the stronger side and won on all four rinks.

There were victories for the rinks skipped by D Adams, D Stephens, D Hodgson and K Taylor.

The match was played in a competitive bur friendly manner and a pleasant afternoon was had by everyone on the green.

After the match Bridgend offered their hospitality in their club house and a splendid cooked meal was provided which all enjoyed.

Anyone interested in trying their had at bowling can contact the Murch Bowling club on 02920 513396 and will be assured of a warm welcome.

TP

Lady skittlers wanted!

THE Oddbods, who play in Bar Cocoa in Barry, are looking for ladies over 18 to join their skittles team.

They play most weeks on a Wednesday and the season starts again in September.

If you are interested, please contact Tasha on 01446 622022 or 07931 588827.

TP

BOWLS OPEN DAY A SUCCESS

LLANTWIT MAJOR BOWLS CLUB had a very successful open day on Sunday.

The number of ladies and gents who turned up to try out the game of bowls exceeded expectations, and the club are hopeful that many will join the club.

The lady president Etta Gray and the men's captain John Nixon were there to welcome the participants.

The club wish to thank all the club members who turned up to give their support and who assisted with the coaching and giving out the refreshments.

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Tom David rode a number of winners for Zara Phillips and he is seen here after winning on one of her horses at the Golden Valley Point-To-Point in 2009. Princess Anne and GEM reporter Brian Lee are also in picture.

Evan has plans on the flat for John Constable!

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams was so impressed with the way his John Constable won the Pertemps Swindon Handicap Hurdle that he told the press that the Ffos Las supremo Dai Walters owned horse could get a spell on the flat.

Evan said: "John Constable did it well,very impressive. I thought he would win; I would have been disappointed if he hadn't run well. I thought the Aintree race form looked very good, with Seamus Mullins' horse Chesterfield winning the Scottish Champion Hurdle so well, and I thought we had the beating of all those horses."

"The wind operation before Aintree made a big difference but more importantly, with the weather we had during the winter months and how warm it has been in the last week, he really has improved since Aintree.

"I wanted to go to Chester because the prize money is so good and the horse has come to hand so well. But this is quite nice. I'd imagine we'll look at a flat campaign. You've got to be careful – this could have been his Gold Cup, because he has bloomed in the last two weeks. His mind is right; everything is right.

"I think we'll try him on the flat at some stage."

SPENCER MOON'S FONTWELL WIN

Kevin Slater's nine-year-old bay gelding Spencer Moon, confidently ridden by Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, landed the Westbourne Racing Club Maiden Hunter Chase over two miles and five furlongs at Fontwell Park last week.

Spencer Moon, who is trained by Keiron Price and who is qualified with the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt, won by 11 lengths from Creative Inerta and after winning at the Trecoed Point-To-Point the previous Sunday, went off the 5-4 favourite.

TOM BOWS OUT WITH A DOUBLE

Before the start of the Gelligaer Farmers Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases on Saturday, Llanharan's Tom David told me that he had two rides during the afternoon and that he would then be hanging up his riding boots as he was taking up the position of assistant trainer to Bourton on the Water's Ben Pauling.

Well Tom certainly went off on a high as he won on both and his memorable double was initiated when in the Confined race he somehow managed to pip the pacemaking, determined and blinkered Doctor Braveheart (Charly Prichard) by a neck.

Minella Arts is owned by hunt-racing stalwart Mrs Carmen Goldsworthy and trained in the Bridgend area by Carlie Packwood.

An eight-year-old brown gelding by Presenting, Minella Arts who was winning for the third time on the bounce, lost his maiden tag over the Lower Machen course last year.

In the 13 runner Restricted the Jonathan Phillips trained Oscar Fiain, who provided Tom with his second winner, got the better of Way Wild West (Bradley Gibbs) who had made a lot of the running after the favourite Massini's Dream had fallen on the first circuit.

A 7-1 chance, Oscar Fian had two-and-a-half lengths to spare over Way Wild West whose rider Bradley Gibbs won the Young Horse Maiden on his father David's six-year-old bay gelding Captain Kennit who went clear four fences from the finish to beat Tucks Bergin (Lorcan Williams) by five lengths with the odds-on Blue Tinker (Byron Moorcroft) a distant third.

Captain Kennit, who had finished in the place reserved for the runner-up in his five previous starts, was wearing cheek pieces for the first time and Gibbs who has had a cracking season said they certainly did the trick.

Six went to post for the Mixed Open Race including the Will Biddick ridden Before The War and Anna Lewis riding her nine-year-old chestnut gelding Tiger Rag gave the eventual winner 12-year-old Universal Soldier, partnered by James Bowen, plenty to think about and in a thrilling finish was beaten one-and-a-half lengths.

James who rode his first winner on his 16th birthday on his first ride in a point-to-point on Indian Leader at the Curre & Llangibby in March has now brought his total number of wins to 22.

Universal Soldier, who carried a 12lb penalty, is trained by James' brother Mickey who has saddled the same number of wins as his brother has ridden.

John Rees's best turned out Ruperra Tom, named after the Ruperra Wood field adjacent to the racecourse where he has spent most of his life, made it three wins in a row when getting home by half-a-length from Captain Camelot (Evan David) in the opening Hunt Members Race.

Ruperra Tom, who Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft his 20th winner of the season, and who had made most of the running, could now be Stratford bound.

Jonathan Tudor's seven-year-old grey gelding Classic Hit, given a cracking ride by the very talented Richard Patrick,was a two lengths winner of the Aged Maiden from the pacemaking Karigale (Ali Goshen).

The favourite Nuevo Molino (Bradley Gibbs) was a further four lengths away in third place.

Patrick has brought his total of wins to 13 between-the-flags, 10 under rules and one on the flat and one thing certain is that we will be hearing a lot more about him.

BRIAN LEE

Black belt success for tae kwon do students

THE Vale-based JSTKD Martial Arts and Fitness welcomed seven more new black belts following examinations held at the Tae Kwon Do Association of GB headquarters in Bristol.

Students Harri Burmingham, Chris Edwards, Ethan Cox, Lloyd Matthews, Darcy Griffin, Rhys Davies and Finlay Valvo kept their focus and determination throughout the three-hour examination.

They were put through an assessment as the six senior examiners graded not only their ability to perform the 30 movements of the black belt pattern, but also step sparring, free sparring, floor work and a variety of techniques.

As well as the practical elements of the exam, they had to undertake a theory test to demonstrate their technical knowledge and command of Korean terminology.

In addition, the club celebrated the success of four of its existing black belts, who also saw their hard work pay dividends.

Dr Hywel Roberts became a 2nd degree (dan) black belt and juniors Jake Hayvice, Menna Burmingham and Matthew Hardcastle attained their star gradings.

Jake achieved his first star whilst Menna and Matthew achieved their second stars. Black belts who are under 16 years of age have to wait twice as long as adults between their dan gradings so the star gradings are a way for juniors to continue to maintain high standards and perfect new skills during this waiting period.

There are three star gradings to complete, each more difficult than the last.

Please visit www.jstkd.co.uk for full details of classes throughout the Vale for ages three years up to adults; a free taster lesson is offered and beginners of all ages are very welcome.

JS

Wins all round for Vale Cricket Club

ANOTHER good weekend saw victories for Vale CC's first and second teams as they took on Machen. As a result, the firsts lie third in SEWCL Third Division while the seconds stand at the top of their league.

Vale CC first XI travelled to Machen and on a damp wicket Vale skipper JP Davies elected to field.

Machen attacked from the very first ball but they were soon to realise that attack was not the best form of defence.

Openers Hibbs (35) and Reeby (15) scored quickly but kept Vale in the game with risky attacking play. Left arm seamer Scott McCutcheon (3-43) struck first and from then no batsman settled.

Jones (13) and Fussell (17) were found wanting as McCutcheon and Alex Davidson (4-21) bowled tight and accurate lines causing many problems for their opposition.

Eventually, Machen fell for a total of 143 all out using only 28 of their allotted 45 overs. Special mentions must go to Davidson and McCutcheon for their wickets but also to the young and promising talent of 15-year-old Alex Upham (2-19) who once again bowled excellently.

After tea Vale set about chasing Machen's total. Openers Davidson (29) and Withers (15) put on 27 for the first wicket before Withers was out caught in the covers for the second time in two weeks.

Captain JP Davies (40) and in-form all-rounder Davidson put on a very useful 56-run partnership before Davidson was out lbw at the hands of Harris.

Off spinner Harris continued to tie down an end making life difficult for Vale batsmen who looked to score whenever the opportunity arose and with an increasingly calm sense of authority as they closed in on their target.

As the visitors looked sure to win, Davies was caught superbly at square leg. James Snelson (30no) marked a return to his 'big-hitting-ways' with including a well struck six that cleared the ground's practice area as well as the boundary.

Snelson and Matthew Thomas (5no) saw Vale reach the required total with plenty of overs to spare as they won by 6 wickets securing maximum points for the day.

The second XI hosted Machen at Corntown, and skipper Carl Brooks elected to bowl first on a wicket with a green tinge.

Good bowling from Greg Andrews, Idris Merry (2-35) and Gareth Kelland (1-25) restricted Machen to a very slow first half of the innings.

Only Rob Ashcroft (77) troubled the home team, and good bowling from Gethin Merry (2-1), Chris Haskins and Tom Lazarus (who took his debut wicket) meant that Machen ended up with an unimposing 158-7.

Batting second, the early loss of Gareth Andrews and Paul Sheppard proved inconsequential as fluent Steve Hiles (54 not out), in partnerships of 67 with the consistently classy Mark Francis (37) and then an unbeaten 61 with Kelland (28 not out) saw the table-toppers home by seven wickets with four and a half overs remaining.

This week the firsts will entertain current leaders Sully Centurions at Corntown while the seconds travel to Burnham Road.

We would like to welcome all cricket and sports fans as well as those who enjoy relaxing in the sun to our home ground just off the A48 for what promises to be an interesting encounter from 1pm on Saturday, May 27.

HW/CB

Barrivale Bridge Club

BARRIVALE Bridge Club results for May 16:

The Championship pairs, session two were as follows - 1. Mark Roderick & Mike Best 69.57%, 2. Peter Millar & Jane Brook 61.59%, 3. Lyn Matthews & Alan Jones 60.33 %. The winners of the handicap were Hilary Laurence & Vivian Liles.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

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Barry Athletic bowlers make Carruthers Shield progress

WITH qualification for the knock out stages of the Carruther's Shield, Welsh bowling's premier club competition, firmly in their own hands, Barry Athletic travelled to Bridgend knowing that a victory would guarantee progression to the knock out rounds.

Although a late replacement was needed for skip Glyn Thomas, the Athletic started well across the boards, keeping the home side from building a lead from their home advantage.

Shots were flowing on Richard Bowen's rink where an early score of seven shots for the Barry players ensured that the rink kept in touch with experienced former Wales international Jim Hoskins.

With Gary Jones' immaculate jack throwing, the rink were able to maximise the opportunities to steal a narrow lead by midway and hold off a late charge by their opponents to win by four shots.

Robert Horgan's rink also scored an early seven shots to open up a lead which never looked in danger and eventually returning a winning card and top rink honours for the day by 33 shots to 19.

With Dave Townsend and Rhodri Phillips excelling up front, skip David Wright and club captain Dan Jones eventually overpowered their opponents, scoring 12 shots over the final seven ends of the game to win 26-20.

Martin Clarke's rink, with a first appearance of the season for Jack Killin at lead, were dominant throughout their game against Bridgend's Paul Turner winning by 11 shots to return the fourth winning card for the Athletic and ensure their progression through to the business end of the competition where sterner tests will await.

A final victory margin of 35 shots was a testament to the dominance of the Barry team over their opponents and will instil some confidence across all the rinks as the season enters a very busy phase for most of the players.

As the potential candidates for selection increases, the Athletic's selectors will have been happy to see a number of improved performances on a testing surface this week and with the return of a number of experienced players next week for the away game at Ely Valley, the competition for places, particularly at the front end is proving quite keen.

However, the selectors are happy that this is a good problem to have at the renowned Barry club, as greater strength in depth is developed for both the first and second teams.

With team captain Paul Webley missing, the club's PG2 side recorded their third straight 10-4 loss, this time to Whitchurch Hospital, but only losing to a narrow one point margin.

With Dave Snelling's rink winning by 19 shots and Terry Collins making an impressive contribution, the rinks of club stalwart Gareth Humphreys and Albert Mintern both returned losing cards.

However, the rink of Gary Game had an opportunity to snatch a draw on the final end of the match but could only manage one of the two shots needed.

The selectors will be looking to strengthen the side once again ahead of the next fixture at home on the 4Wood green against Pontyclun, where hopefully they can get their season properly underway with a much needed first win of the season.

The serious business is underway this week also in the Vale of Glamorgan County competitions with another few days of interesting contests.

Fresh from his tight victory over Lol Paige, Gwynfor Parr goes in to action against last year's club captain Chris Wright who has been showing a return to good form over the past few weeks.

Welsh singles runner-up Martin Clarke has a difficult looking away match up with Matt Gershenson on the Dinas Powis green, whilst Dan Jones is rewarded following his comprehensive victory over Jeff Wright with a game against David Wright on the 4Wood green at Barry.

The Athletic's Peter Rogers, fresh from victory over club lead Roland Fletcher, faces Joe Coles from the Dinas Powis club in a match on the 4Wood green at Barry which should provide some home advantage. Rhodri Phillips will also be favourite to progress further with home advantage, while second team captain Mike Vaughan will face a testing away match at Millwood.

Two experienced Barry Athletic players are also progressing in the senior singles following recent matches. Richard Bowen was involved in a tight game with David Curtis from the Sully club and in a high quality game with both players executing shots of the highest level on a quick surface, Dave Curtis led by a narrow margin for most of the game.

However, a crucial four shots on the 20th end allowed Richard to seize the initiative, drawing even at 19 all, and eventually claiming two more shots for a hard fought victory in a game which no player deserved to lose.

Dick Cowling also overcame K Mills from the Romilly Club in the same competition and will now face an away draw against Alan Rees from the Sully club in order to progress.

RB

SENIORS IN CHESS ACTION

THERE was a tournament recently for the more mature players in world chess.

The World Seniors event took place in Crete and the tournament was split into two sections: the over-65s and the over-50s.

These days with most players being over 50 it seems odd to call players of this age seniors.

The Barry Chess Club was represented by Nigel Ralphs in the over-50s section. There were over 20 teams entered and the Welsh team did well to finish in mid table.

This result fairs considerably better than the normal results in the European Team Championships.

Nigel played in eight of the nine rounds of games winning two, drawing three and losing three.

His losses came against two FMs and one GM. In the final round of games Nigel was on board 1 against England. he came up against the GM Nigel Short.

Mr Short played very well in the tournament and became the first player ever aged oner 50 to increase his rating in excess of 2700.

There may have only been 20 moves but it took considerable time to reach this stage.

However, I am sure that we would all have relished the challenge of playing someone of this stature.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

Athletic firsts slump to defeat

ON Saturday, Barry Athletic first XI travelled to Ponthir, won the toss and batted first on a damp wicket.

Ponthir reached 157 from 40.2 overs with the main wicket takers being Pershram Guni 3-21, Ellis 3-23 and Kerriday 2-27; the main runs for Ponthir were scored by T. Higgins 26 no, J. Evans 24 and J. Price 22.

In reply Barry were soon reduced to 3 for 3 in the second over but a 69 partnership between Pershram Guni 27 and Nathan Baker 31 seemed to be putting them on the road to victory until Baker was out caught and Barry lost their last six wickets for just 18 runs, suffering a 70 run loss, Dennehey 5 - 31 and J. Price 4 - 29 the main bowlers with Guni 27 and Baker 31 Barry's top batsmen.

Meanwhile on Barry Island, Barry second XI were on their way to making it three wins out of three in the league under the captaincy of Siva Kollipara.

With Ponthir batting first, they were bowled out for 89 with Dave Evans taking 2-17 in his eight overs. In reply Barry strolled home for the loss of just two wickets, Kollipara 33 and the ever reliable Lee Morgan 29 being the top scorers and Barry top of the table with 56 points.

This week Barry Athletic first XI entertain Rogerstone at The Athletic Cricket Ground, Barry Island, with the second XI travelling to Rogerstone.

MR

Valiant Shield defeat for the Cadoxton bowlers

CADOXTON Bowling Club struggled valiantly to get the better of an experienced team from Aberkenfig in last Saturday's Carruthers Shield match, losing three rinks and drawing one before succumbing to an overall 31 shot defeat.

Howard Craven's rink delivered the best performance in a fairly steady contest with neither side achieving any substantial winning ends, although each team scored three shot victories at opposite ends of the contest, before running out at 16 shots each.

Next door, despite winning three ends with masterly scores of two 4s and a 5, Kelvin Chedgzoy's rink couldn't get the better of their opponents who ploughed steadily ahead to a 14 shot victory.

The outcome was much the same for Roy Harding's rink, which tried hard to recover from a first-half drubbing but didn't manage to hold back their opponents who maintained their relentless progression to notch up a 14 shot win.

Ivor Robertson's rink looked for a time as if it was going to record a victory for Cadoxton, building on impressive opening bowls from Jim Stacey, but the Aberkenfig players took hold of the game halfway through and ran out comfortable winners by three shots.

Scores: W Craven, R Byrne, P Ellis, H Craven 16 – R Prime, R Carlyon, T Sinnott, J Prime 16; E Heppenstall, D Hammond, D Brook, K Chedgzoy 18 – M Davies, T Bousie, D C Jones, M Fairburn 32; G Solomon, J Papoutsou, G Davies, R Harding 12 – C Pride, V Prie, C Lloyd, K Eaklam 2 6; J Stacey, A Prince, I Heppenstall, I Robertson 16 – D Jackson, A Sollis, N Hillier, A Sutton 19.

Earlier in the week Cadoxton came up against a determined side at Dinas Powys in their Munro Cup first round tie.

Showing great spirit and some strong resilience, the rinks skipped by Ivor Robertson and Kelvin Chedgzoy held their opponents to close quarters but with Robertson's side suffering potentially fatal body blows of six and eight shots, before each Cadoxton rink prevailed, scoring winning shots in the final end.

Rob Byrne's rink found it difficult, despite some enterprising bowls from Glen Solomon, to keep up with their Dinas Powys opposite numbers, while Howard Craven's rink tumbled to a 14 shot deficit.

Scores: D Hammond, M Curtis, D Brook, I Robertson 23 – D James, T Hurley, J Ackland, M Gershenson 22; E Heppenstall, A Prince, P Ellis, K Chedgzoy 18 – T Gittings, P Hanley, C Bates, P Marks 15; J Stacey, D Fanning, G Solomon, R Byrne 13 – J Follow, J Manfield, A Jones, N Giles 19; W Craven, I Heppenstall, G Davies, H Craven 10 - C Daw, N Williams, J Coles, G White 24.

Father and son, Howard and Will Craven, later redeemed themselves somewhat, winning both prizes in the post-match raffle.

For more information, contact David Fanning on 01446 749556 or 07855 612092.

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The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

League table: Rhoose Social 205, Liberals 192, Moors Boys 185, Wyndham Cons 178, West End 168, West End Runaways 167, Cadoxton Cons 165.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Sea View B 5, Liberals C 2; King William XII 6, Rhoosters 1; Allsorts 5, West End C 2; Rhoose Social C 5, Rhoose Social B 2; Liberals A 6, Cambrian Flyers 1; Barries Boys 6, Rugby Club 1.

League table: West End C 118, West End D 115, Sea View B 115, King William XII 112, Allsorts 109, Rhoose Social C 96.5, Slammers 95, Rhoosters 92, Rugby Club 88.5, Barries Boys 84.5, Rhoose Social B 81, Liberals C 78.5, Cambrian Flyers 76, Rhoose Social A 70, Liberals A 69.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Services Social B 2, Cadoxton Cons B 3; Wyndham Cons A 3, Penarth Cons B 2; Cadoxton Cons Z 5, Rhoose Social C 0; Rhoose Social B 0, Harbour B 5.

League table: Harbour B 116, Savoy A 108, Cadoxton Cons Z 88, Wyndham Cons A 75, West End C 72, Cadoxton Cons B 69, Penarth Cons A 62, Rhoose Social B 62, Services Social B 48, Penarth Cons B 46, Rhoose Social C 44.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Cadoxton Cons A 4, Sully Sports A 1; Harbour A 3, Wyndham Cons C 2; Liberators 2, West End A 3; Market Street B 5, Market Street C 0; Wyndham Cons D 1, West End B 4.

League table: Savoy B 89, Liberators 85, Market Street B 85, Wyndham Cons C 80, Harbour A 80, Cadoxton Cons A 77, Market Street C 74, West End B 66, Wyndham Cons D 54, Sully Sports A 53, West End A 52 (* = points deducted).

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